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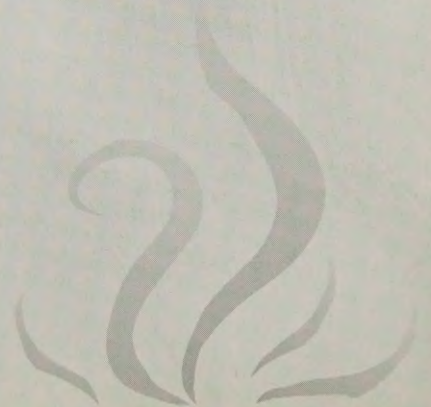


UNIVERSITY High SCHOOL



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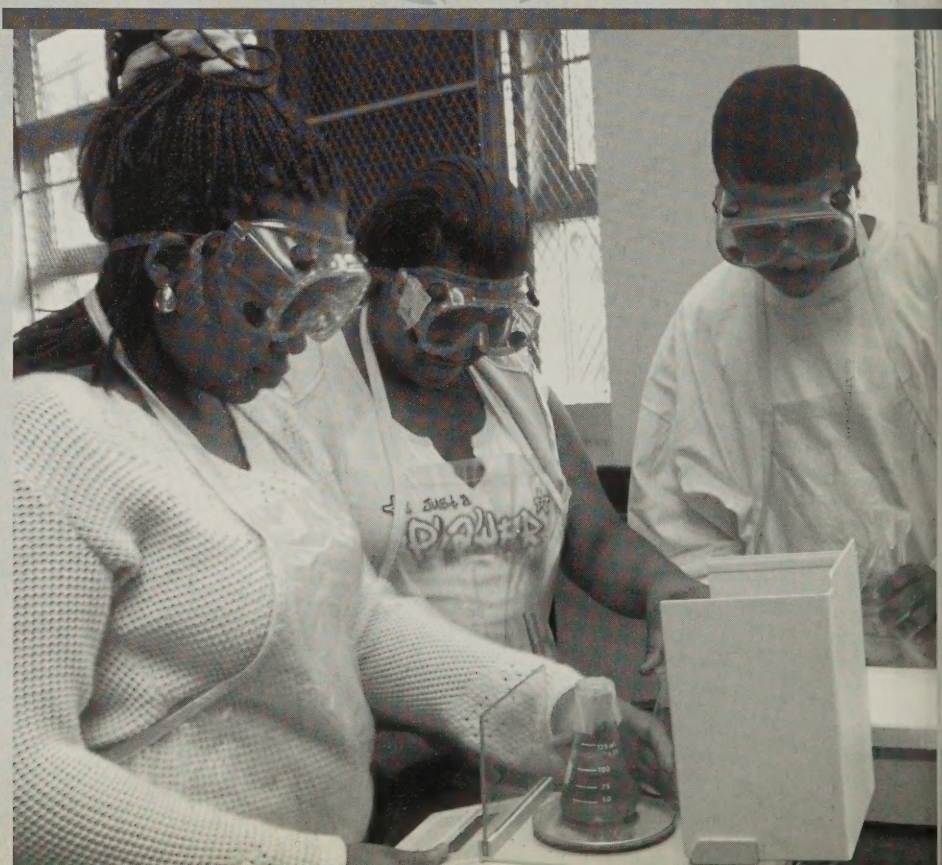
*“What lies behind us and what lies before us
 are tiny matters compared to what lies
 within us.” - Ralph Waldo Emerson*

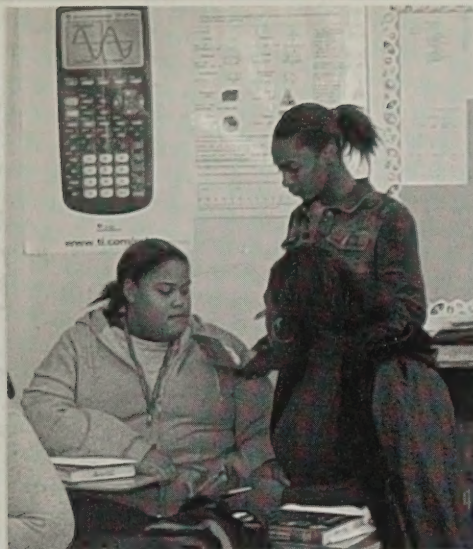
Each of us has characteristics that make us unique. We may all come from the same neighborhood and we may share similar goals, but each of us has developed in diverse ways. UHS has contributed much to this development. Some of us first entered UHS in the seventh grade, afraid to walk the halls with older, more mature students. Others came in the ninth grade prepared to adapt to a high school environment. We have all come from different paths, but the memories we shared during our journey at UHS have embedded many lessons learned.

As seniors, the class of 2004 has reached a point of stability. We are forced to face the future and make life changing decisions. Along our excursion UHS has *Never Before* offered as many AP courses as we have now. These Advanced Placement classes have prepared us for success. We will *Never Again* be intimidated by standardized test, such as the HSPA. Our academic progress has been exemplified by UHS having the

largest number of National Honor Society members ever.

Our academic accomplishments have surpassed many of our own expectations. *Never Before* has the University High School of Humanities had two students who are recognized in *Ebony* magazine amongst the top 40 African- American students in the United States. The two students, Monique Van Dyke and Nashid Corbin, have demonstrated scholarship, leadership and athleticism; they have fulfilled their duties as role models by setting standards of excellence for younger students. Monique and Nashid, along with the rest of the class of 2004, are prepared to seize their opportunities and continue on the road to success by taking their education to a higher institution. The anguish of filling out college applications and the anxiety of waiting for responses have been stressful. *Never Again* will we have to hassle our teachers for recommendations. Even though the





library will no longer be our sanctuary, we will remember how it was a vital entity in our lives at UHS.

We are very thankful for the faculty and staff members here at the home of the Phoenix. For, with the guidance of Mr. Leon, they are the individuals who made School Spirit Fridays and Movie Nights worthwhile. The perpetual evolution of our school amazes us each and every day. *Never Before*, since the construction of this building in 1956, has our school ever been renovated. *Never Before* has the ethics class of UHS won the Essex County Consumer

Bowl and *Never Before* have we participated in a poetry jam. While we have encountered all of these first time experiences many of them left footprints in our hearts.

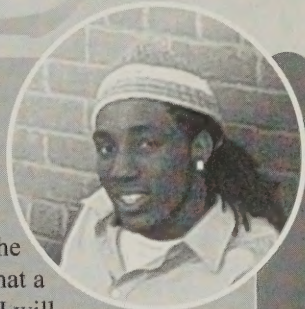
A wise man once said, "*To teach is to touch a life forever.*" All of the faculty and staff here at UHS have touched our lives in numerous ways. The encouragement of Mrs. Hewett "The Diva", the nonchalant attitude of Mr. Alexander, the determination of Mrs. Gironda, the persistence of Ms. Turner and all the diligent teachers have helped contribute to the success of our class.



What do you feel you have contributed to the spirit of the Mighty Phoenix?

Clichéd though it may be, I feel that I have literally given my blood sweat and tears to the Mighty Phoenix. I have set a standard of what a UHS student should be. When I leave here, I will not have any regrets because I know that I have done my absolute best.

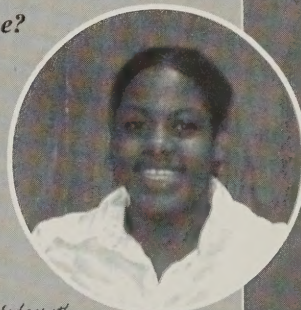
Charles Basden



What will I be doing the next time you see me?

Call me Dr. Hedgespeth. I will have graduated from Medical school in a warm climate. I will have returned to UHS to demonstrate to younger students the value of an education, and of a life lived to serve others.

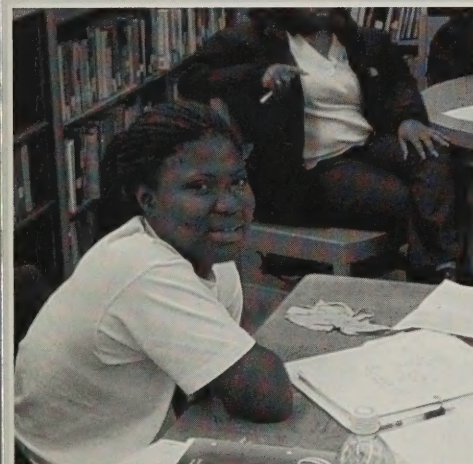
LaToya Hedgespeth



How has UHS made a difference in your life?

I have become a well-rounded person, enriched by the life lessons that I have learned from friends, teachers and co-curricular activities. We started as a School-Within-A-School, but for me it has become a World-Within-A-World. Love you, University.

Ashley Anderson



Tiffany, Jinny and Tia discuss the probability of their making an "A" in Statistics.

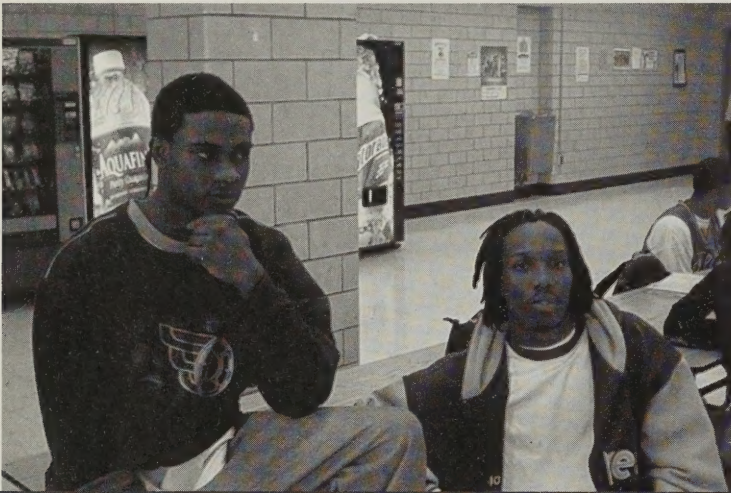
Indera and Nicole are savoring the end of their six year journey through UHS.

Deborah seems to make every place her home. Just watch out not to say her name incorrectly.

Ms. Rojy's students are cooking up a little chemical cocktail. for Mr. Leon.

Never Before, Never Again

Never Before has a class dared to create their own trends and set their own standards to be followed by others. From that, the class of 2004 will one day look back and remember the experiences that shape who we are today. As you have witnessed our journey through UHS you have observed our tears, times of laughter and our break-ups and make-ups. *Never Before, Never Again* will we embark on this journey through high school. Some may look back at the passing years and nostalgia because they have to depart from their life-long friends and memories. But others may rejoice because as this chapter is ending another is beginning. We have now reached the Golden Gates of Opportunities!



Austin and Chaz are pondering the mystery behind cafeteria food.

Contributing to the community is what NHS is about. Sequins expresses the joy and gratification that comes from helping the less fortunate. Once again University rakes in over 40 boxes of food for the homeless.



Rasheerah and Ashley B. give America Top Models a run for their money



W.H.O.A.

wise, honest, on going achievers

Are they smiling because the ratio of women to men is four to one or because they are graduating in 2004?

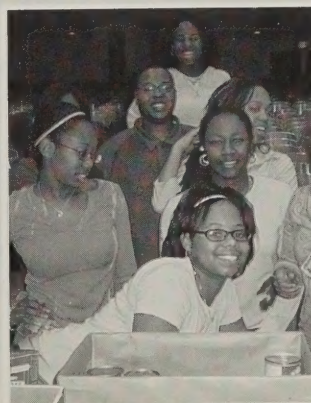
Lamar, Jameel and Joshua try out as extras for an Antonio Bandares' movie *Desparado II*.



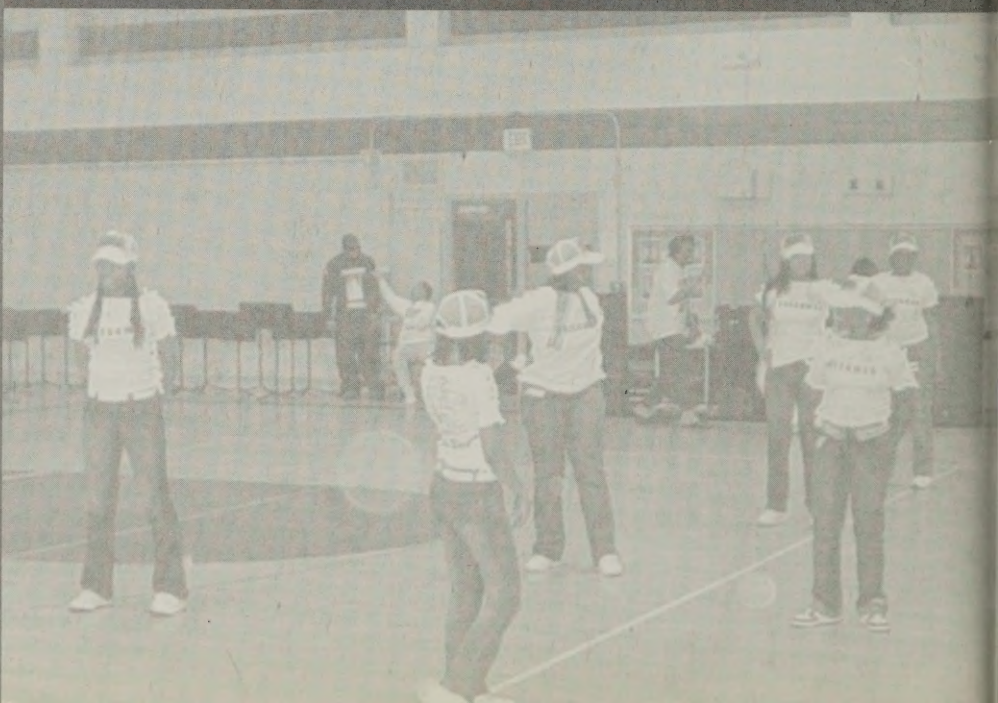
Mr. Leon poses with Superintendent Bolden and principal for a day, Ms. Karen Jackson of the United Negro Fund, Inc.

The UHS family along with the National Honor Society collected over thirty five boxes of food for those less fortunate. That's the spirit of the season.

Senior smooze with Ms. Melvin. They know which side their bread is buttered on!



SCIENCE COMMUNITY



ROGER LEON, PRINCIPAL



ADMINISTRATION

A foundation has been set by students and classes of years ago to regain the victory crown held by the mighty Phoenix. It was your challenge and mission to establish the highest standards of distinction. Upon that foundation you built a stage where many classes will now rise, their beliefs in the attributes of the Phoenix are embodied in their school pride and spirit.

The Class of 2004 has made the decision to lead future classes because you clearly understand that is what you will do years from now that will create the true challenge for other classes and a determination of your actual accomplishments. The dreams you realize will set the expectations for generations to come. Your role in society will define the education you have received and the work needed by other classes in the future. Furthermore, the mark that you leave now will determine your destiny. I challenge you to continue to do what you have done because you are more than ready to impact this world. Judge what you have accomplished by what is done by classes that will graduate from this fine school, years from now. Remember as you go through life to Pay It Forward. It is by your achievements and those of future classes that you will be recognized and hailed. Never Before, and hopefully forever after, you will feel the pride of achievement that you have realized.

REGINA SHARPE, VICE PRINCIPAL



Congratulations, Class of 2004.

You are about to explore unfamiliar territory. Don't be afraid of what is new and different. Just remember "In order to get something you've never had before, you must do something you've never done before".

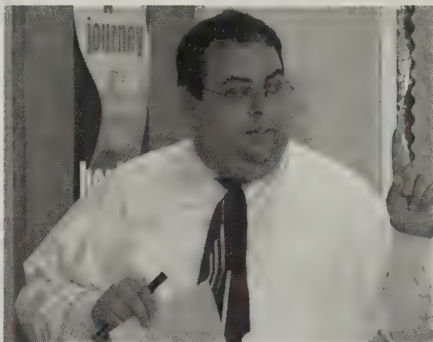
Good Luck!



To all those star polishers who make our stars shine,



Ms. Hewett, *Coach of the Year*, for the second year in a row.



Leading by example, Mr. Leon teaches a math class.



Mr. Leon and Trainer Healthy minds in healthy bodies. The staff works out.

Elizabeth Blackmon

Social Science Dept. Chair



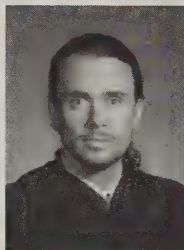
Henry McNair

English Dept. Chair

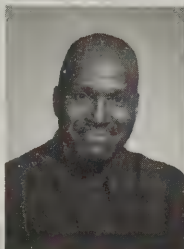


HUMANITIES, SOCIAL SCIENCE AND WORLD LANGUAGE FACULTY

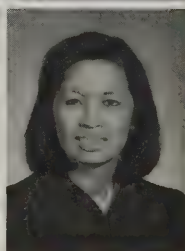
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Robin Corley
Allison DeVaughn
Marie Gironda
Sheila Gray
Karen Harris



Gary Hayes
Marilyn Howard
Rita Manas
Havier Nazario
Quetzy Rivera
Barnett Savitz



Didi Schiele
Jackie Turner
Jose Velazquez
Joan White
Patricia Wing



make them shine

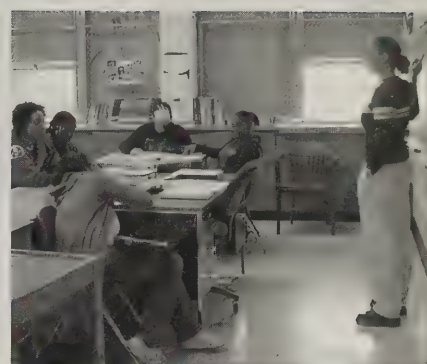


The science classes and their teachers celebrate Mole Day. Both students and teachers decorated tee shirts to commemorate this yearly event.



Ms. Harvey keeps a sharp eye on everything in the office.

Roseane Heyl
Mathematics Dept. Chair

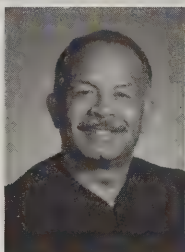


Science is everywhere and Ms. Tierney demonstrates ways to help you discover it.

Walter Kaczka
Science Dept. Chair



MATHEMATICS, SCIENCES, HEALTH AND PHYS ED FACULTY



Jerry Alexander
Lydia Alvarez
Valerie Barnes
Joel Bleah
Ronald Cardoso
Sandra Hewett



Iftikhar Husain
Sheila Kairu
Katherine Martinez
Argyrios Milonas
Zakiyyah Muhammad
Faizel Rahimi



Debra Rojy
Timothy Simmons
Victoria Siroy
Kathleen Tierney

GUIDANCE & SUPPORT FACULTY

Grace Beaumont
Laura Cuevas
Robert Destefano
Paula Eckstein
Gwen Jackson
Gloria Johnson



Michael Khalil
Alicia Mahon
Valerie Noble
Diane Raysor
Sandra Ryder
Felecia Williams



Basim Shariah,
Custodian, Basketball Fan
Coach and Advisor

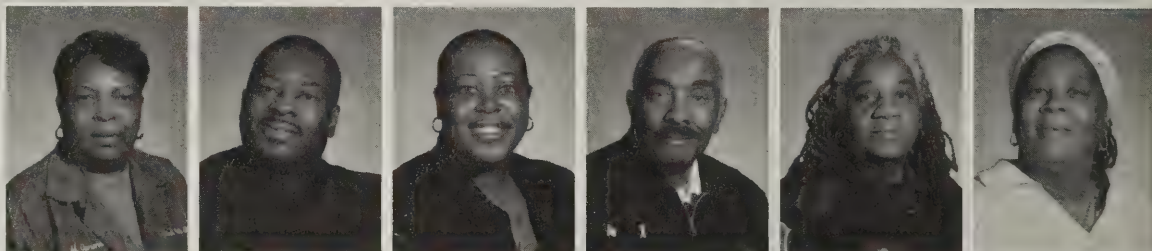


Mr. Leon and the AP teachers - working hard to bring you the *most* incredible courses.

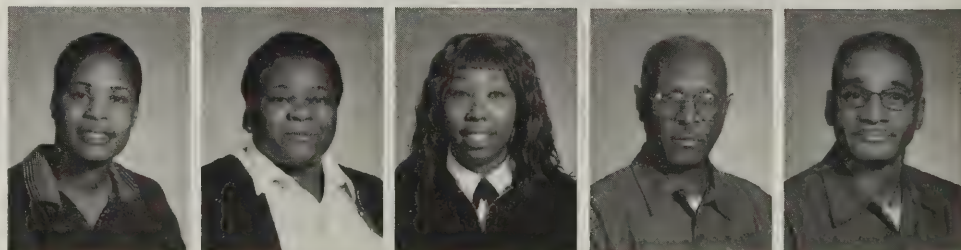


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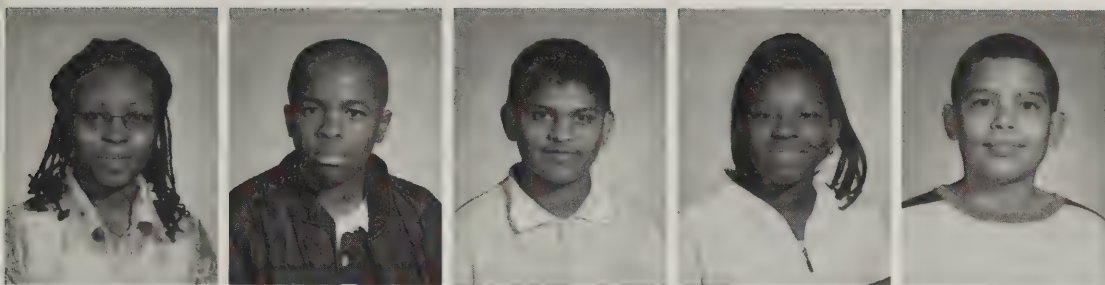
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Joan Harvey
Jack Hatcher
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Linda Melvin



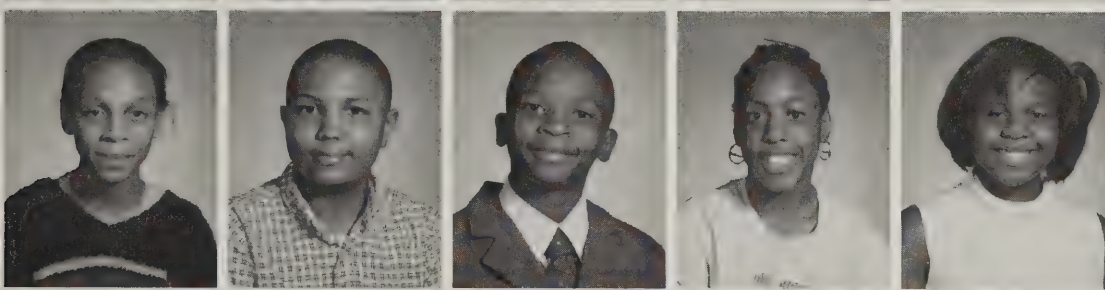
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Daisy Pasker
Alisha Robertson
Short
Roosevelt Walker



GIFTED AND TALENTED- 7TH GRADE



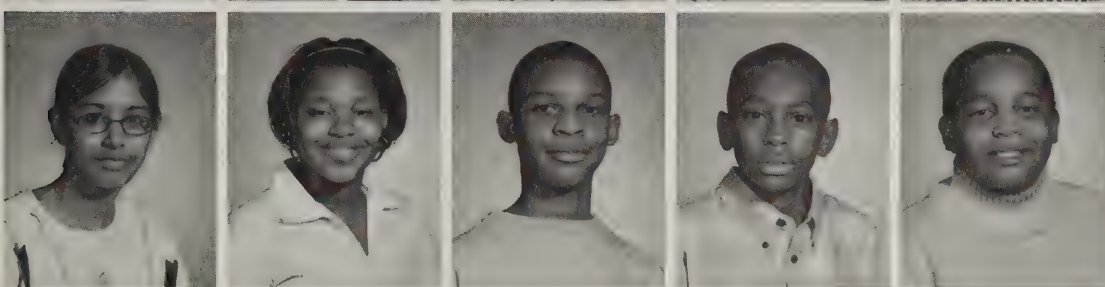
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Ishma'il Ahmad
Jamiluddin Ahmed
Jennifer Bawauh
Pedro Barbosa



Rachel Bernard
Kwame Boler
Yousouf Camara
Diamante Culver
Ayzsha Dodson



Judith Ezike
Shariyah Gordon
Alejandro Hidalgo
Jerry Holley
Bree Howard



Farida Islam
Dominique Linton
Marcus Neal
Liataud Prophete
Christopher Raney



Tkeyah Sneed
Tanyshwia Stokes
Tiffany Vann
Warren Watts
Zaeiah Wicks

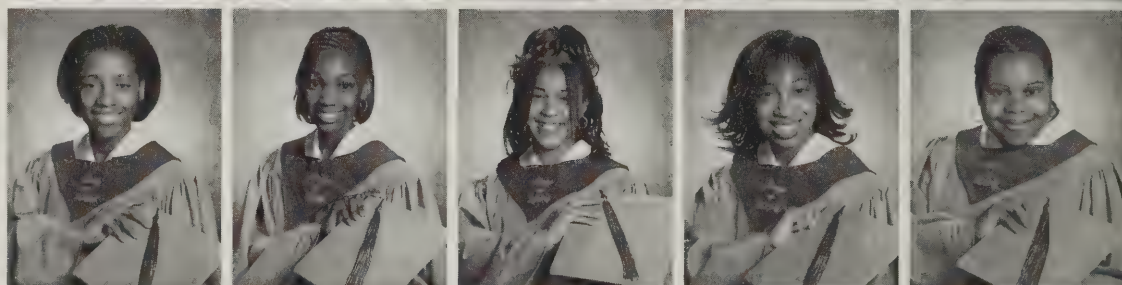


EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES

Abdush Ahmad
Jessica Alequin
Fajr Barnes
Diamond Beachum
Samirya Conover



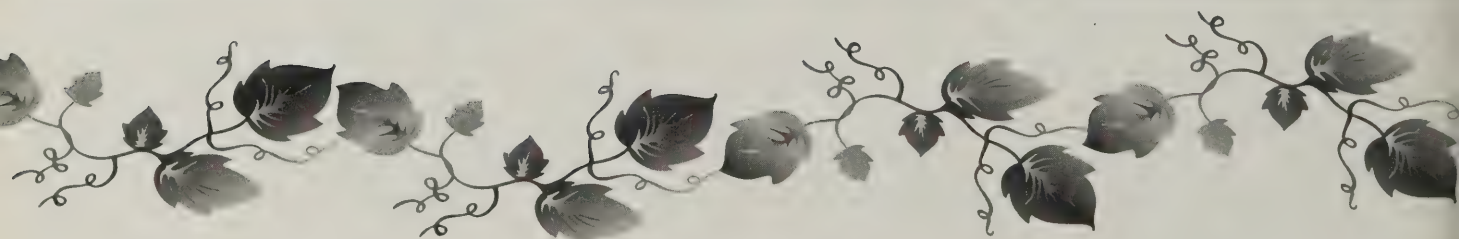
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Ashley Everett
Jaely Guaba
Monique Hall
Crystal Harvey



Willie Holt
Tauron Mantion
Chazmere Mckinney
Osinachi Onukogu
Karshan Ruffin



Sirrika Samuels
Dalia Scott
Aneela Seepersaud
Jessenia Serrano



Freshman

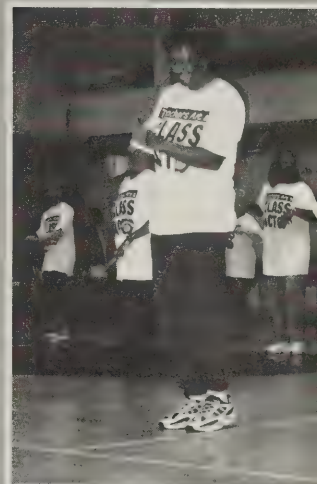


Super Phat Girlz doin' it.

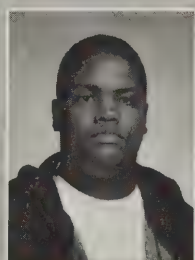
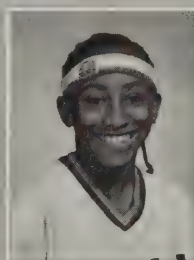
Mr. Leon and Ms. Sharpe are "dirty dancing" but, Mrs. Gironda asks, "Why not me"?



Ms. Raysor leads the teachers in the Cha-cha Slide. Where is the Tiger Balm when you need it?



Adachi, Emmanuel
Adams, Elija
Afolabi, Barbara
Ahmad, Abdus
Ahmad, Sakinah



Ali, Samaiyah
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Archie, Shavon
Astacio, Ricardo

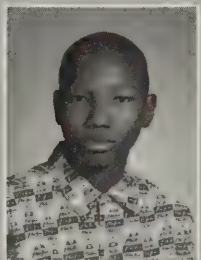


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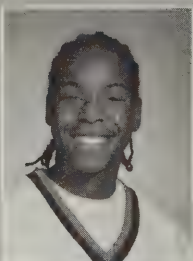
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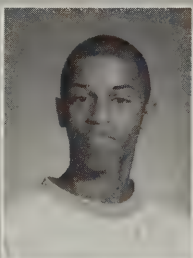
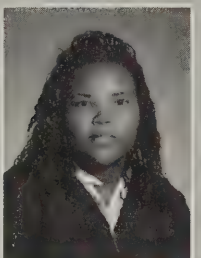
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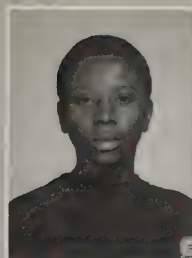
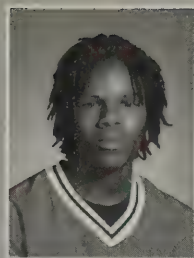


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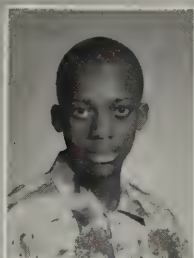


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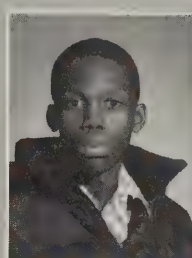




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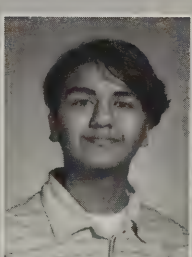
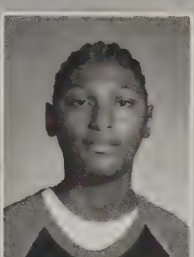
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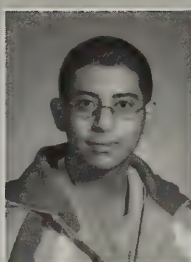
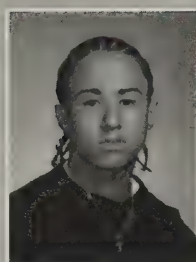


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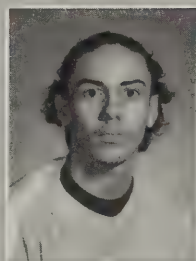


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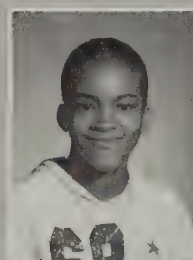
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Staniger, Kimberly
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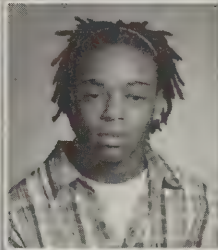
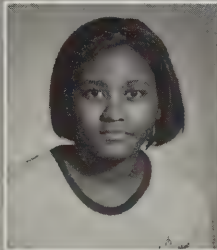
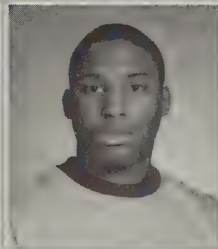
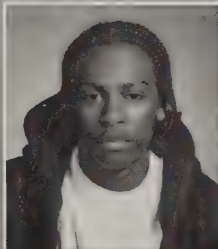
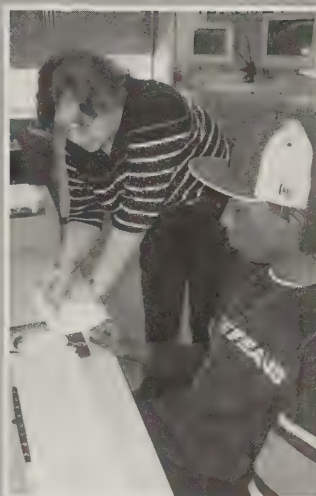
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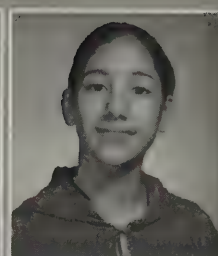
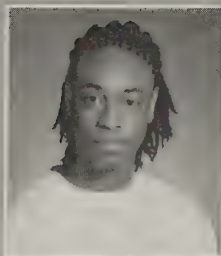


Sophomores

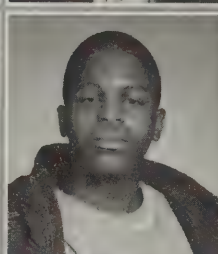


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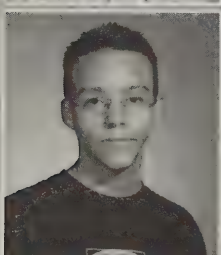
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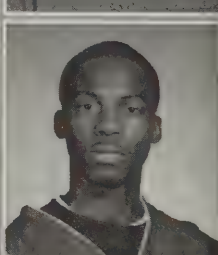
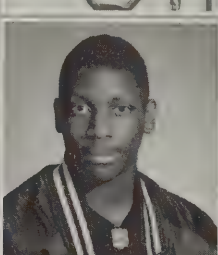
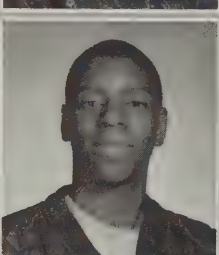
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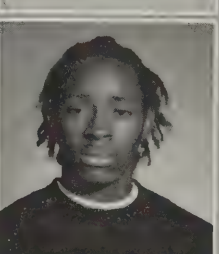
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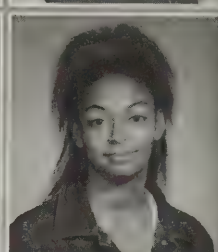
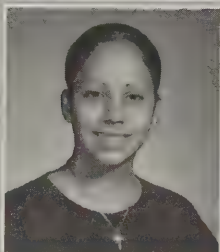
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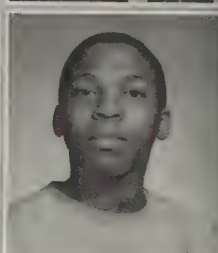
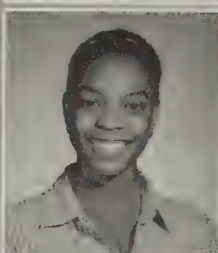
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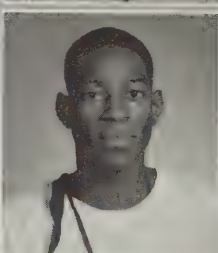
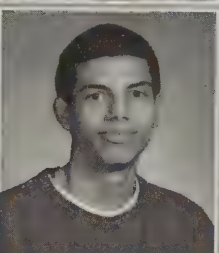
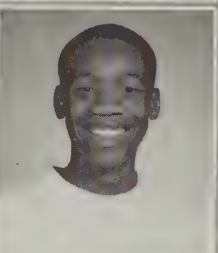
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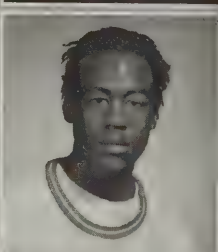
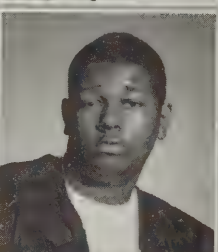
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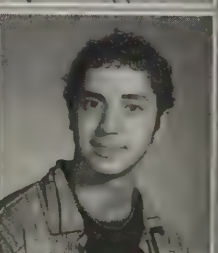
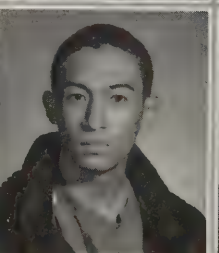
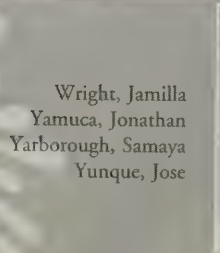
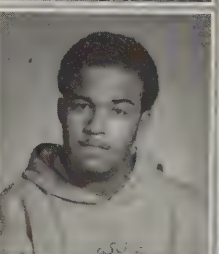
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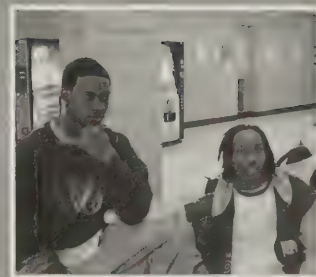


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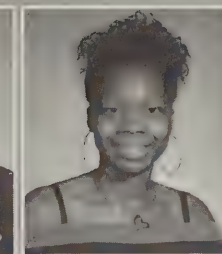
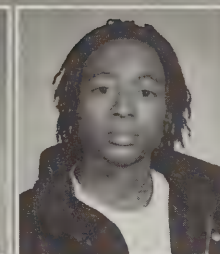
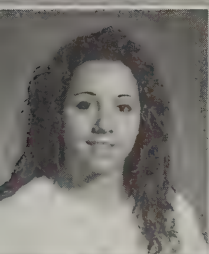


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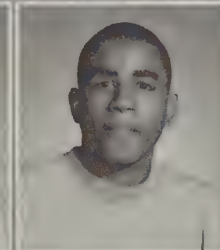
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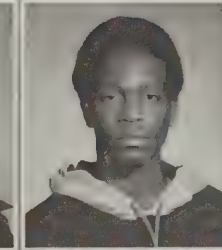
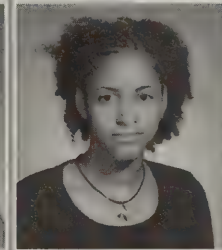
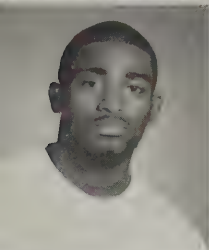
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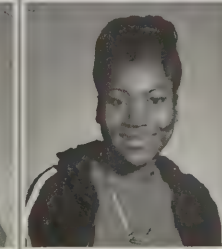
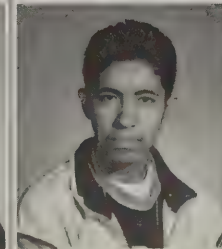
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Brown, John



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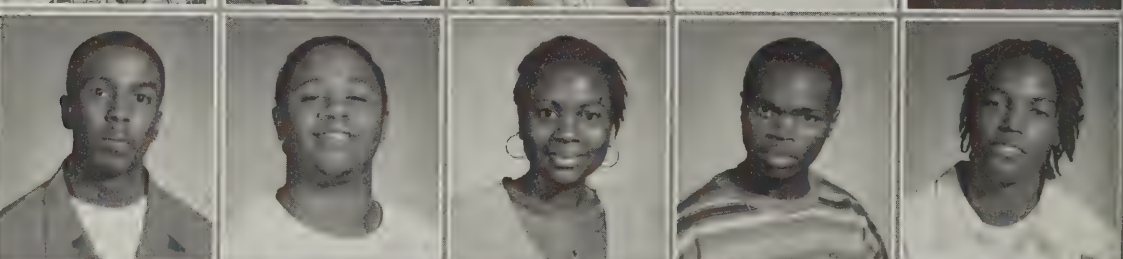
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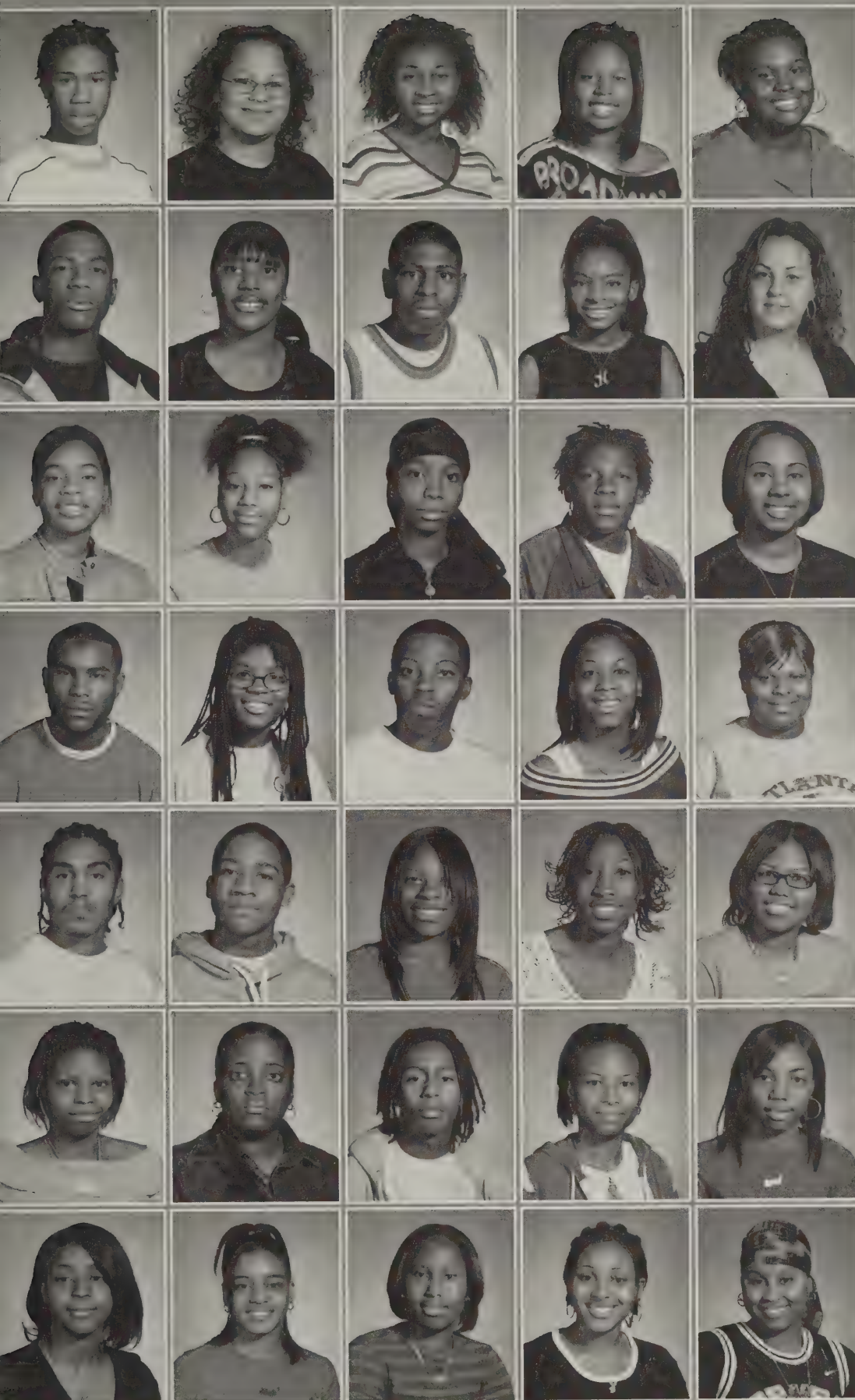


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McQueen, Y. Bobby





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Medina, Veronica
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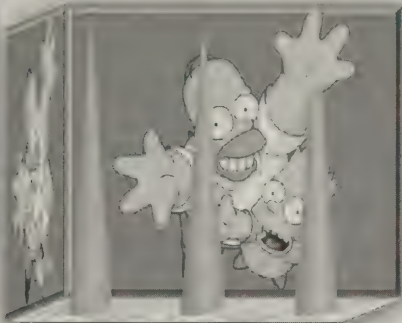
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ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

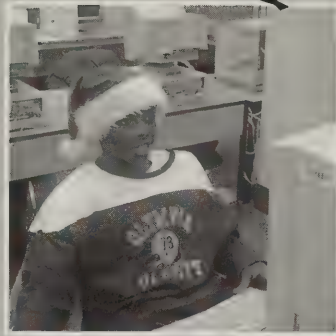


Actions

Favorite Cartoon



Simpsons Spongebob Proud Family



Speak louder than words



Busiest Bees in The Hive

Always in the mix Charles Basden and Audrey Williamson.

Has Catman caught his mouse, Tina?

YEARBOOK

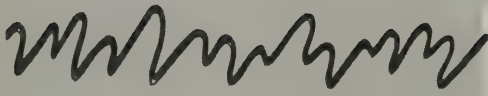


A. Anderson, S. Debose, K. Stewart, K. Amulamin, D. Kiani, A. Williamson, M. Braswell, L. Hedger, C. Holme, C. Bailes and C. Clement. Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Pickwin, Co-Advisors

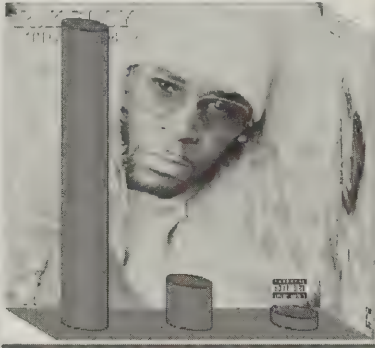
LITERARY MAGAZINE



J. Martinez, S. Debose, D. Kiani, L. Solera, K. Oliver, J. Green, A. Anderson, Mrs. Schiele, Advisor



Favorite Male Singer



R. Kelly Ginuwine Tyrese



Many ethnic groups are represented at UHS, but U-Landa T. and Menelik have the **STRONGEST CULTURAL TIES**, representing Guyana and Jamaica.



Asia and Jasmine are all smiles after one of the roughest winters we've had in years.



Tiffany and Amina are making plans to attend HBC Fair sponsored by the Delta's.

JAZZ BAND



C. Barden, C. Lutz, C. Cruz, E. Wester, S. Giles, M. Van Dyke, R. Louissami, F. Black, A. Wicks, J. Charles, M. Brisswell, T. Hawk, E. Mendez, Mr. Corley, Director

PED BAND



Too numerous to name, but always on under the direction of Mr. Corley.

Favorite Female Singer



Beyonce Alicia Mary J.
Keys Blige

Excellence

easier said than done



The Class of 2004 will succeed, however they vote Elisa Brown a **Step Above the Rest.**



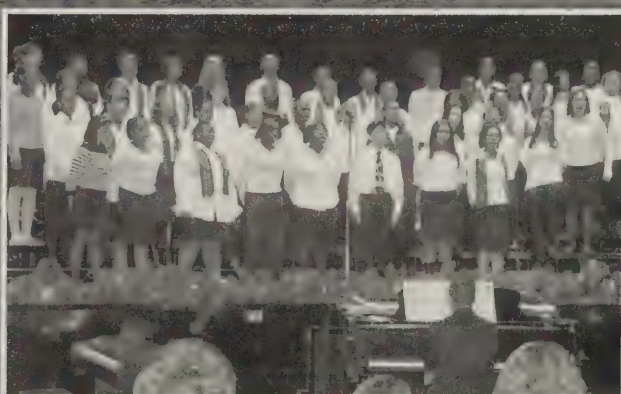
Marqita, the talented Wallace twins Taliah and Tiffany, Asia and LaShonda join Jiny in the the countdown to the class trip, the Prom and their long awaited walk down the aisle to senior graduation. Oh, you make us so-o-o-o proud!

CONCERT BAND

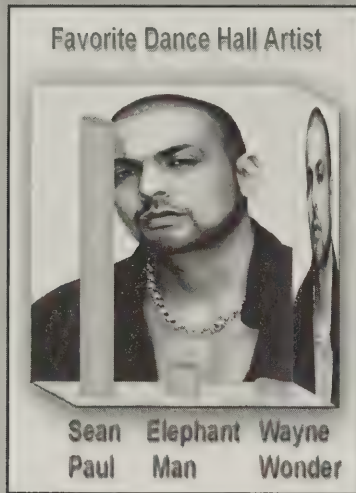


space will not permit to name individual musicians, but they are always on under the direction of Mr. Carley.

CHORUS ENSEMBLE



We would have liked to name individuals, but space is limited. They chorus is always on under the direction of Ms. James.



We hang out together, we support each other, we are all the best of friends. Can you match that?



Mapletine, Cat Eyes and Chaz got it like that.



She's the next Missy Elliot and he's the next Ray Lewis, put Ebony G. and Lamar W. together and they are **MOST LIKELY TO BE FAMOUS!** Watch out world!

G&T POLICY DEBATE



L. Prophete, E. Butler, A. Hidalgo, J. Holley, R. Bernard, D. Howard, E. Islam, D. Culver, T. Adekunle, J. Ahmad, Z. Wicks, L. Ezike, Mr. Nazario, Coach.

SPEECH FORENSIC



N. Smith, T. Washington, J. Green, T. Wallace, J. Howard, J. Hall, J. Ahmad, Mrs. DeVault, coach.

Know

all the tricks of the Trade

Josh's harem includes some of the most beautiful ladies at UHS.



Greatest Rapper of All Time



Even in tough times, these young ladies know it's hard to break the bonds of a true friendship.

CLOSE UP



A. Williamson, T. Kitchen, K. Amokomawa, D. Kotci, Z. Fraizer, N. McQueen, C. Clement, N. Corbin, and M. Williams. Mt. Wing, Advisor.

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS



M. Van Dyke, A. Beck, A. Anderson and C. Basden, Ms. James, Class Advisor.

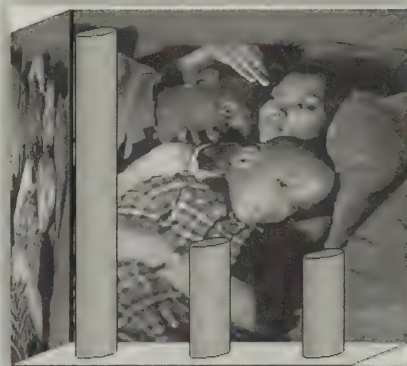
Beyond a shadow

VHS is the best



Senior year could be a bummer, if it weren't for good friends with good laffs.

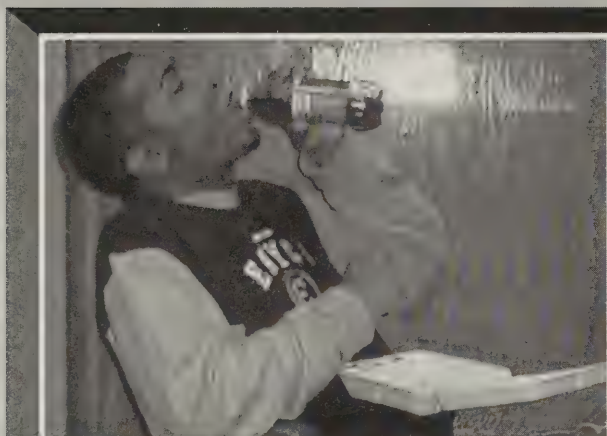
Favorite Movie



Baby
Boy

Brown
Sugar

Scary
Movie 2



Will you ever come across someone who eats lunch every period? We think not, that's why we call him Munch **LUNCH FANATIC** Lawrence



These seniors ain't no joke-they are going to be the leaders of tomorrow!

JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS



Tanisha Washington, Krystal Whitlock, Jasmine Green, Derek King and Marshia Williams, with advisor Ms. Howard.

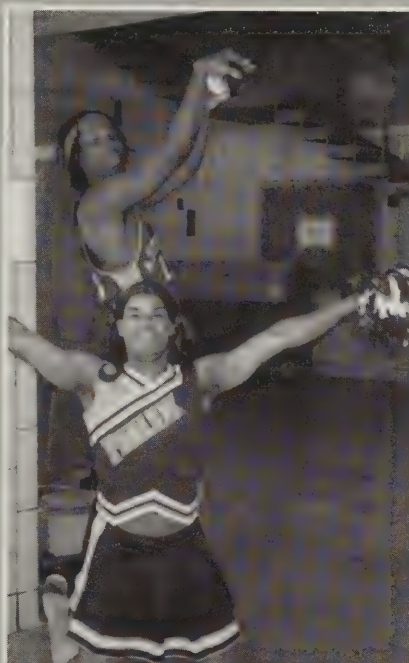
SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS



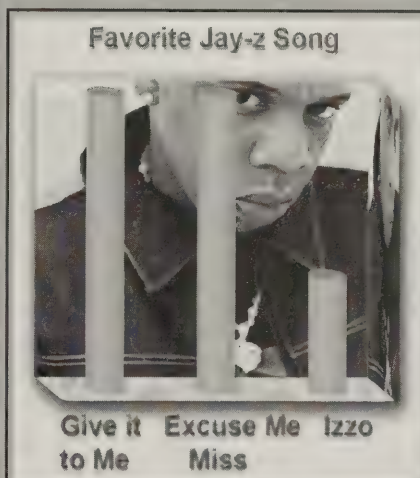
Jamilian Howard, Selamawit Ratty, Jude Lawton, Jinnalla Lawton.



Where would our school be without our favorite cheerleader Paco?



Nothing says, "School Pride and Spirit" more than Mooky in a cheerleading out fit and Chaz in tight shorts!



STUDENT COUNCIL



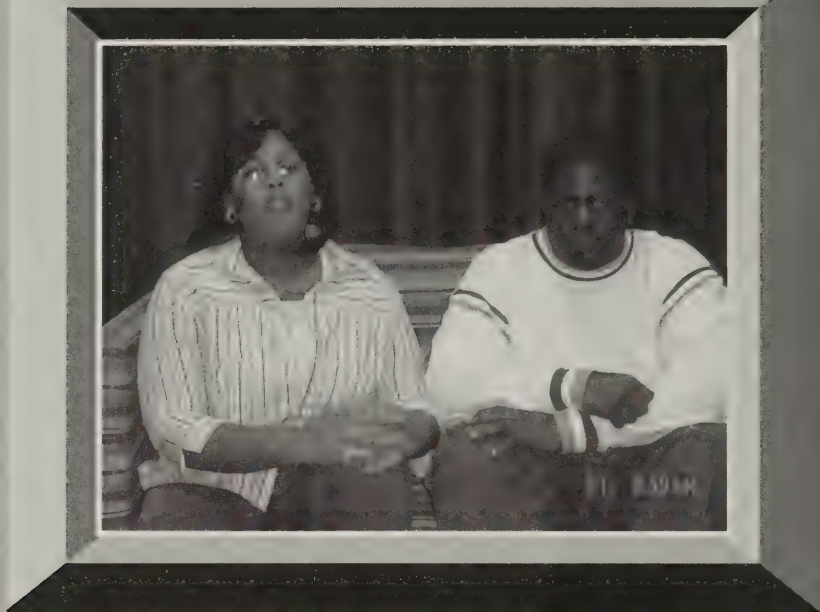
K. Kendall, M. Shariah, R. Brito, K. Braithwaite, F. Durant, Mrs. Howard, Advisor.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP



D. King, C. Ross, J. Green, C. Basden, A. Anderson, Mrs. Howard, Advisor.

You gotta love Mr. Hussain. He teaches his heart out, even AP Calculus is fun.



You may see them in the halls, but they don't tend to say much, Danielle F. and Andre Rawlins are by far the **QUIETEST!**



Judith can't stop smiling- she's aiming to be a three timer on the Principal's List and go to see The Lion King in the Big Apple,



We caught Shanikah and Tangee gossiping about Janet Jackson's exposed body part during the Superbowl halftime show- Hey, do you even remember who won the game?

SCIENCE EXPLORERS



A. Anderson, S. Debose, K. Ambikowyo, C. Bass, A. Williamson, A. Howins, L. Camacho and A. Smith. Advisor Dr. Rahim.

ROBOTICS



M. Morales, K. Whitlock, T. Walker, Y. Williams, T. McMillian, X. Smalls, A. Camero, K. Infante, R. Pompey, J. Boyd. Mr. Simmons, advisor.

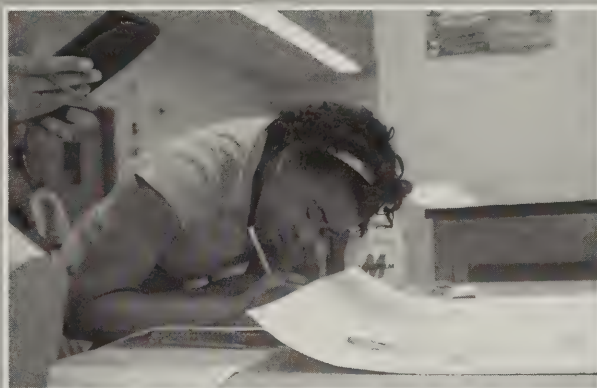
Phoenix Rises

Favorite Puff Daddy Remix



I Need Special Unfoolish
a Girl Delivery

to the occasion



Sophomore aren't always the wisest of people, however This young lady knows how to keep her GPA up to par.



amar W. and Marquida C. should be in the next Beyonce video because their Ample posteriors.



Princess Alneesha and Catlady Vanessa enjoy the antics and spirit of Halloween as they dress up on School Spirit Day.

MATH CLUB



Cook, J. Cato, C. Andries, W. Horatio, M. Greene, M. Morales, I. Corbin, B. McQueen, X. Small. Advisor Mr. Milonda.

SCIENCE CLUB



D. Freeland, L. Paige, C. Ross, A. Rawlins, L. Camacho, A. Smith. Dr. Bahini, advisor.

Believe It

or not

Favorite Fast Food Restaurant



One of the wonderful things about Nicole is her light heart and beautiful smile. Thanks for making our day!



"Work hard, play hard and reach our goal", that is the motto of Charles and Ashley, two of the finest leaders in the city of Newark.



Anya Harris may be small, but she is full of ideas and not afraid to express the them. That's why we named her the **Most Outspoken**.

FUTURE PHYSICIANS



Mr. Roy, advisor.

FUTURE ATTORNEYS



L. Thomas, T. Cook, N. Anthony, W. Horation, M. Braswell, X. Smalls, T. Carroll, J. Meeks, J. Green, K. Amokomowo, X. Smalls, Mr. Velazquez, advisor.

2004

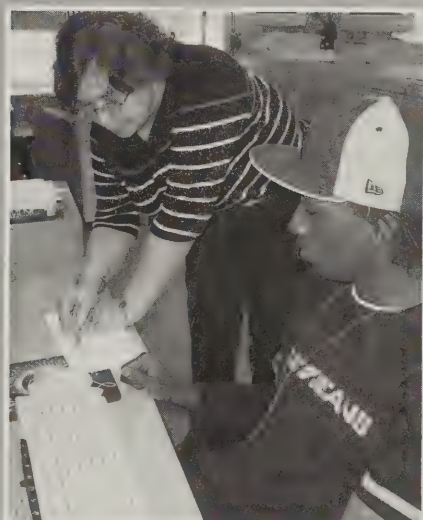


Antionne Morgano is so funny even he rolls over with laughter at his antics. Know wonder the class thinks he's the **Most Humorous**.

Crystal lets everyone know that she's not going for it.

Charles gives Junior Chad some advice about the expectations of senior year-College apps, SAT,s Prom, Class Trip et al.

Phil seems to be philin' it with Ms. Eckstein.



FUTURE NURSES



Too numerous to name individually, Dr. Beaumont, advisor.

FUTURES EDUCATORS



K. Williams, R. Brito, S. Debose, D. Kotai, N. Corbin, T. Bobers, M. Williams, L. Hedgespeth, A. Harris, M. Green, L. Hunt, B. Green. Mrs. Glonda, advisor.



Favorite Female Rapper



Foxy Brown Eve Lil Kim



Friends forever, through thick and thin. Lawrence and his harem. Tia proudly displays the Dirty Bird Senior Tee.



From jerseys, to CD's, to bus tickets; you want it, he has it. Reginald Louissaint. has earned status of being the **BEST Resource for Merchandise** here at UHS.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



I. Nero, W. Hozilio, Y. Brookins, S. Debose, A. Williamson, D. Kotel, M. Braswell, K. Kendall, M. Williams, L. Hedgespeth, N. Corbin, A. Anderson, C. Basden, B. McQueen, C. Clement, A. Smith, L. Camacho, C. Alcea. Mrs. Jackson, advisor.

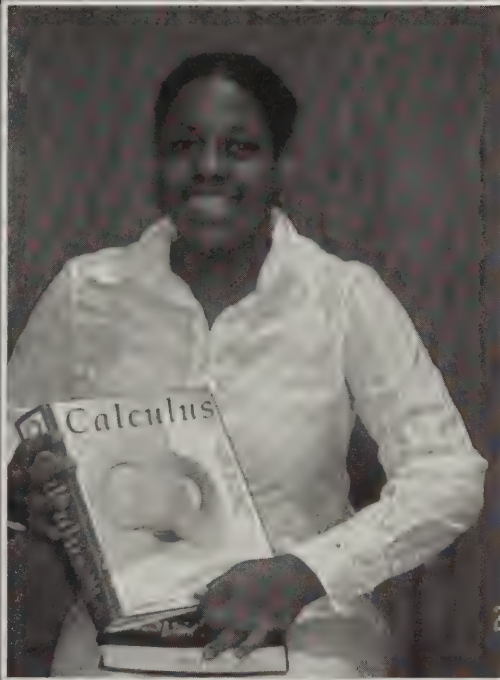
FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY



A. Harris, J. Roberson, Y. Brookins, U. Herald, C. Raux, W. Koroma, A. Hayes, S. Terry, J. Hardisty, R. Briton, X. Smalls, L. Thomas, R. Sales, J. Boyd, J. Halston, B. Byfield, Mr. Julien, advisor.

Couldn't have done it

without you



There is no doubt about it among AP Bio, Calculus, and English literature, Latoya Hedgespeth is the **MOST STUDIOUS** individual in the class of 2004.

Favorite Sport



Basketball Football Baseball

Ms. Hewett is joined by former members of the UHS Lady Phoenix Basketball Team to celebrate the life of Shani Baraka.



SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY

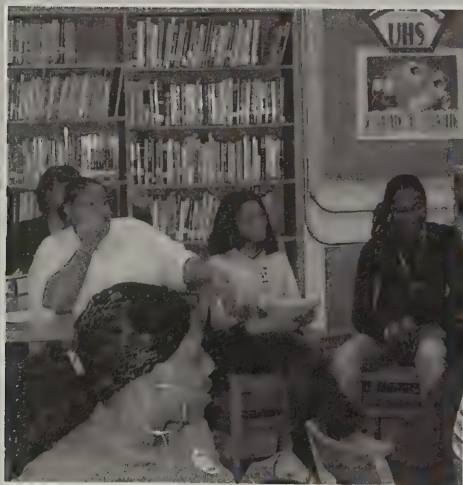
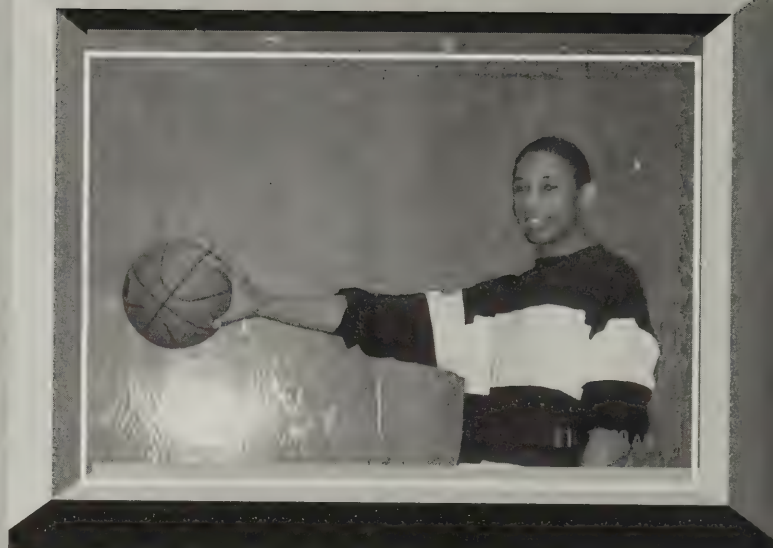


M. Shannah, C. Andries, J. Harrison, T. Carroll, W. Horatio, K. Kendall, J. Cato, M. Greene, Ester, A. Smith, YB. McQueen, Camacho, N. Gordon, D. Gilchrease-Advisor Rita Manas

DRAMA SOCIETY



A. Wicks, C. Basden, Malcolm, P. Valdez, Troy, R. Pompey, Samaj, K. Stewart, R. Freeman, K. Whittlock, J. Greene, D. Gilchrease, A. Williamson, A. Anderson, K. Amokomowo



Participating in the Teachers' Academy



Winning Algebra Competitions

TECHNOLOGY CLUB



T. Gerro, S. Rutty, K. Whitlock, T. Sobers, X. Smalls, T. Wallace, J. Jones, E. Ramos, J. Lybels, A. Glenn, Mr. DiStefano, advisor

MULTICULTURAL DANCE CLUB



C. Aola, J. Serrano, D. Milano, J. Yunque, Mrs. Rivera, advisor

It's all over town



VHS students are:
#1, numero uno
Pass & Participate at 100%
Score over a 1,000 on SAT's

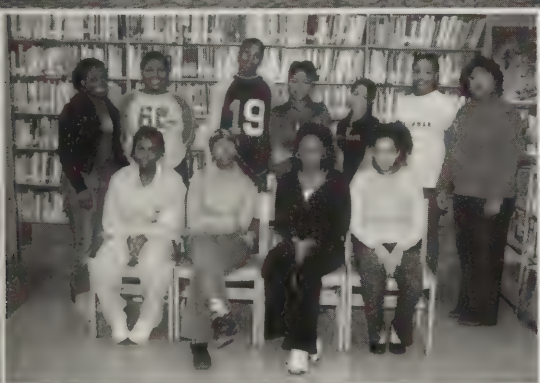


Acing Bowling Tournaments



Being of one mind and deep friendship

STUDENT COUNCIL



Ms. Howard, the advisor has her hands full. Here is a portion of the group.

PEP SQUAD



Too numerous to name individually, and much too poppy to pin down. Mrs. Melvin, advisor.

We are living with a genius, but no one would ever know because *Raheem Lawhorn* is ALWAYS LATE OR NEVER HERE!



DO SOMETHING



J. Ezko, D. Oliver, T. Sneed, T. Fahn, F. Islam, W. Horatio, T. Cook, E. Showell, L. Garacho, C. Andries, A. Smith, J. Meeks, A. Barnett, J. Camiera, S. Adams, Mrs. Alvarez, advisor.

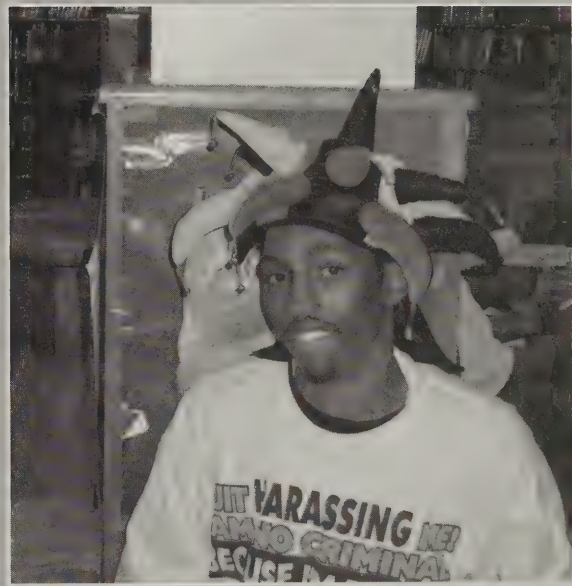
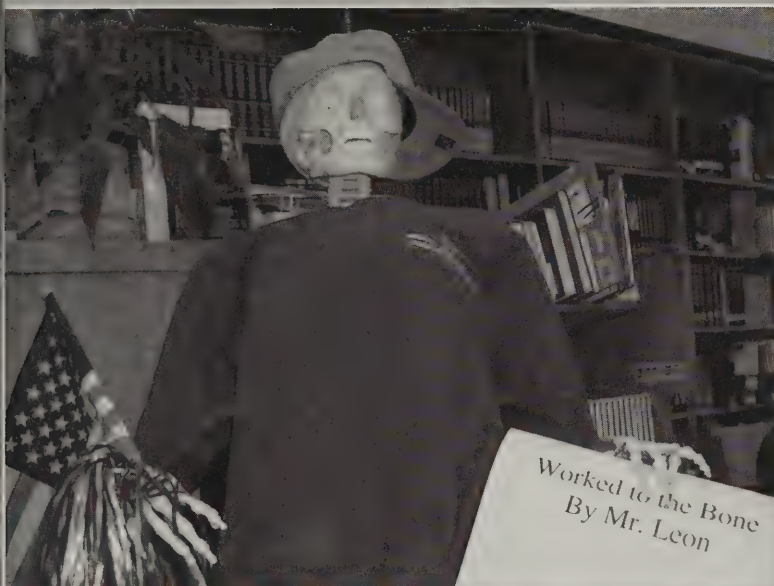
DIAMOND GIRLS



Mrs. Melvin is the advisor of this group. They are former Best Friends, who have graduated into the high school division.

It goes without saying

VHS students
"Pay it Forward" and live
it up

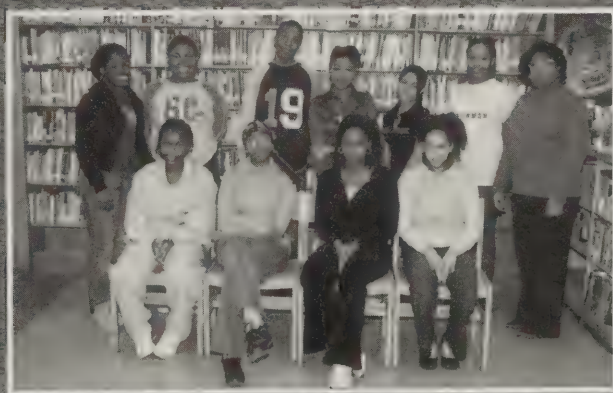


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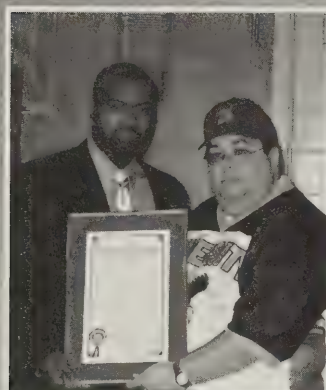
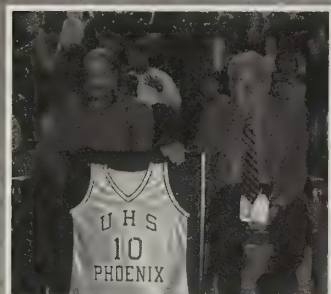
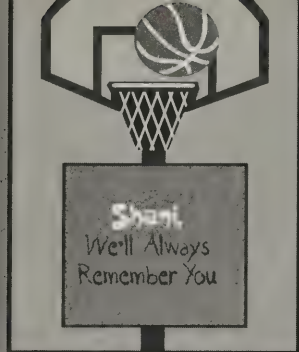


Best Friends teaches young women to become successful women. Mr. Marvin is their ed year.

FIRST PERIOD REPRESENTATIVES



First Period Representatives is a segment of the Student Council, and led by Mrs. Howard



Mr. and Mrs. Amiri Baraka are guests of honor at the 2003 Pep Rally. Also in attendance were numerous other players who were on Shani's team.

Shani's brother, former student and Deputy Mayor of Newark Ras Baraka, and Mr. Leon receive a proclamation in honor of Shani and her achievements throughout her lifetime.

The school year of 2003/2004 has been a promising year for all athletic teams here at UHS. Amazingly the girls' volleyball team dedicated their time and effort to excellence. As a result, their hard work paid off by winning first place in the Colonial Hills Conference. The exceptional guidance of Sandy Hewett led to her being named Coach of the Year for two consecutive years. Along with this honor, she was inducted into the New Jersey Coach Hall of Fame. Fall sports such as cross country track that competed valiantly throughout their winning season with leadership from their senior captain Christian Callahan and tennis set the tone for what would be expected from the winter sports teams. And just for the record the UHS bowling team reached great heights this year. As a collective unit these talented athletes placed first in both the Conference and City tournament once again under the senior leadership of captain Samad Green.



Phoenix City
Bowling
Champion

Coach Barnes, Jonta Stevens, Monique Van Dyke and Assistant coach Felicia Oliver receive the Newark Public schools Holiday Tournament Trophy.



2003 City and Conference Champs



Mr. Georgio, Mr. Leon, Asst. Coach Oliver, T. Saxton, S. Brown, L. Hyman, J. Stevens, S. Stevens, S. Harvey, M. Bellamy, K. Robinson, Coach Barnes, J. Owens, Mr. Dillard, Q. Johnson, L. Sharpe, T. McKenzie, T. Barnes, M. Bostic.

PHOENIX CHAMPIONS

And just to stress the how important it was to show a commitment to excellence the Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball Teams kicked off 2004 by winning the Newark Public Schools Holiday Tournament. Because of their resolve, *Never Before* will University High School be labeled as just a magnet high school for gifted students, but it is also for the student who is dedicated to being a winner in athletics as well. Spring sport teams too, indoor track, softball and baseball all have shown tremendous improvement and have taken strides in the right direction, towards concretizing the winning tradition at UHS. And just to add sprinkles on the cake *Never Before* have we had such a powerful united coordinated Cheerleading squad as we do now in the year of 2004. Maroon and Gray, the colors that represent Pride and Spirit have *Never Before* been worn by a class that understood what it meant to raise the bar and successfully take it to the next level. The class of 2004 was happy and honored to be apart of the UHS formula.

Boys and Girls win big in the NPS Tournament



Faelyn gets down with the horn section of the new and improved UHS Marching band.

Ms. Alvarez, Ms. Martinez, Ms. Rivera and Ms. Melvin give support to our winning teams.



The Class of 2008 demonstrates that they have what it takes to be the Best!

The Mighty Phoenix looks good after a little cosmetic surgery. Thanks to the NHS and Faelyn.

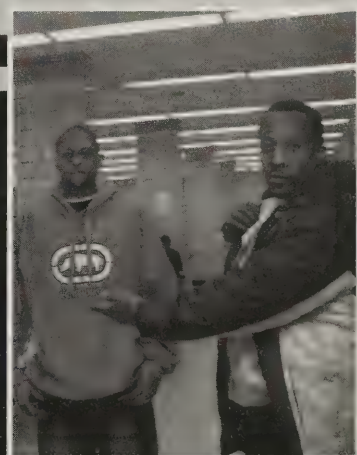


Boys Basketball Team with Coaches

J. Barnes, F. Harris, J. Roberson, E. Goode, L. Jones, L. Timmons (Asst. Coach), A. Hayes, A. Randall, R. Watson, B. McQueen, C. Seay, P. Valdez, A. Morgano, A. Okereke, C. Holmes, R. Laney, R. Baraka (Head Coach), H. McNair (Asst. Coach)



The "Dirty Bird" gets down and dirty with the Pep Squad.



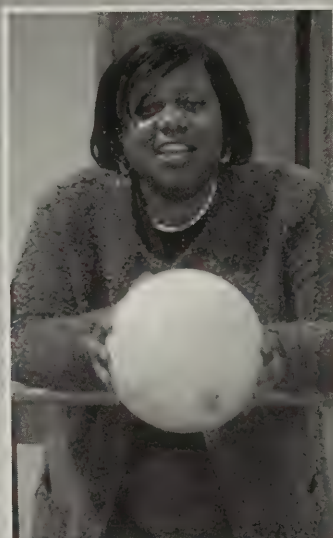
Mr. Dillard gives props to Mr. Kelliham for turning the Boys BB team into winners.

Jonta Stevens is named Most Valuable Player of the Year for the Colonial Hills Conference for both Volleyball and Basketball.



Phoenix Volley Ball Champs

Best Team, Best Coach



Sandra Hewett

Two time consecutive Coach of the Year and inductee in the National Hall of Fame
— Jayfro —



Mrs. Melvin and the team show their appreciation with a plaque. Sarika and Lil Nana concurs, "She's the best".

Who is the best coach around? Well look no further than our own Ms. Hewett. We of course have always known, but the rest of the world was a bit slow. As of today, not only is she a two time Best Coach of the Year, she has also been inducted into the Coaches Hall of Fame. Not many are aware of this, but Coach Hewett is quite the athlete. During her time here at UHS, she has coached the basketball, baseball, softball, and the bowling team. She has a volleyball serving move name after her; now if you can't do "the Hewett" you seriously must contact the *DIVA*, Ms. Hewett. We wish her much success in the future.



Crystal Andries and U-Landa Tudor



Tangee Mitchell



The Girls Volley Ball Team

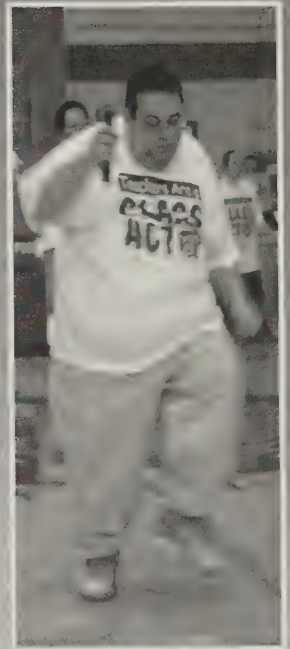
We're bound

and determined ... to win



GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM WITH COACH CARDOSO

Washington, W. Watome, S. Torry, J. Stevens (co-captain), M. Cano, Fraguada, C. Maldonado, I. Hughes, T. Kitchen, I. Nero, T. Jackson, J. Smith (co-captain), U. Herald, X. Smalls, W. Horatio. Mr. Cardoso, Coach.



Coach Cardoso receives much love from the senior player.

Seniors Baseball Players Eligio, Captain Christian and Eric.

Seniors take control of the Pep Rally.



Mr. Leon does the victory dance. Dang, aren't my students the BEST!



BOYS BASEBALL TEAM WITH COACH DOYLE

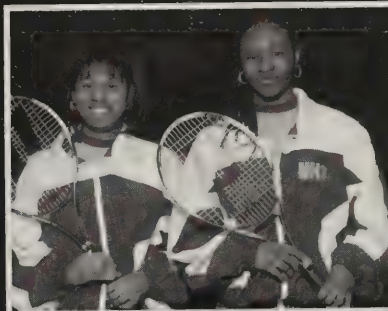
Green, A. Glenn, C. Callahan, D. Shepphard, M. Vazquez, E. Romero, E. Ramos, E. Wester, J. Junque and D. Ulario.



GIRLS TENNIS TEAM WITH COACH KHALIL

Harrison, J. Cato, T. Cook, W. Horatio, N. McQueen, C. Braithwate, M. VanDyke, J. Smith, K. Dixon and N. Venard.

Girls' Tennis Team



Seniors Nicole McQueen and Monique Van Dyke



Senior Taliah plays her heart out for the Mighty Phoenix.



Members of the bowling team prove that you can win and still have fun. From the looks of it, I'd say that senior Joshua, can't wait to get the game started.



The Bowling Team Champions

The UHS Bowling Team captured both the city and the league championship titles in 2004. During the league's singles competition, Senior S.Green placed first for the boys, following top ten placements by A.Thompson, J.Spruiel, W.Cooper, M. Whetstone. Senior T.Mitchell placed first in the league singles following second place by D.Blevins, and third place by A. Patterson. In the city, S. Green placed second while D.Blevins placed third. Congratulations to our Bowling Team and their excellent coach Ms. Turner.



Seniors Paco, Tiptoe, Mookie and Josh love to be winners.



M.X.Shabazz Football Spotlights
UHS Senior Lamar West



Track Team



Cross Country Track Team



Seniors L. Juma and C. Callahan, Captains of the track team display their championship trophy with pride.

J. Taylor, L. Kasey, L. Boyd, J. Jones, C. Callahan, L. Valentini, Z. Blackmon, V. J. Hester, Victoria Hardesty, S. Adams, L. Benhumeau.



Cheerleaders

Y. Brookins, K. Ruffin, J. Alequin, A. Barnett, R. Glover, U. Tudor, S. Banks, N. Villanova, P. Ferguson, V. Eze, Coach Raysor, D. Perry, T. McGee, N. Lindsay, K. Woodson, S. Samuels, C. Andries, N. Tucker, J. Alequin, J. Andrews, Coach Benders.

Senior Captain Ashlee Barnett works the crowds at the Newark Holiday Tournament.



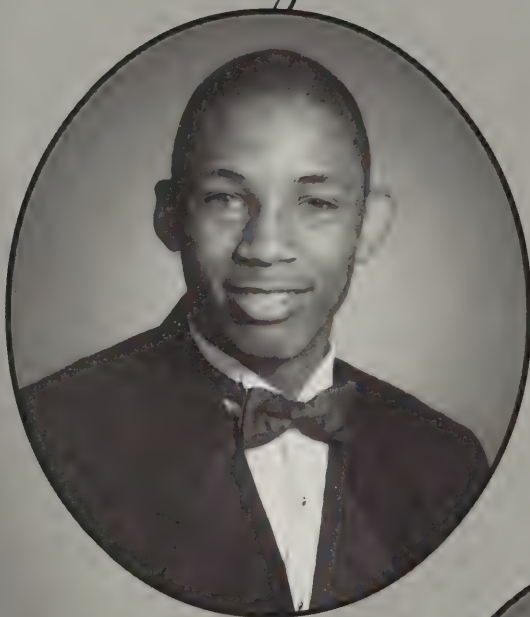
No game is complete without the roaring crowd, and the invigorating spirit of the Cheerleaders. Our girls rouse the team before each game.

Check out Mrs. Howard, "age aint nothing but a number"

Senior Cheerleaders Crystal A., Ashlee B. and U-Landa T. show the crowd what senior spirit is all about.



University High School Royal Court



King
Antionne Morgano



Queen
Audrey Williamson

SENIORS of 2004





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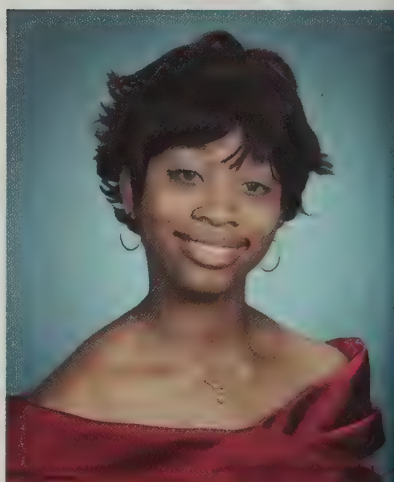
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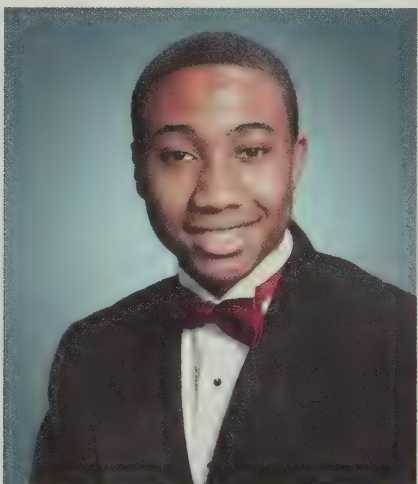
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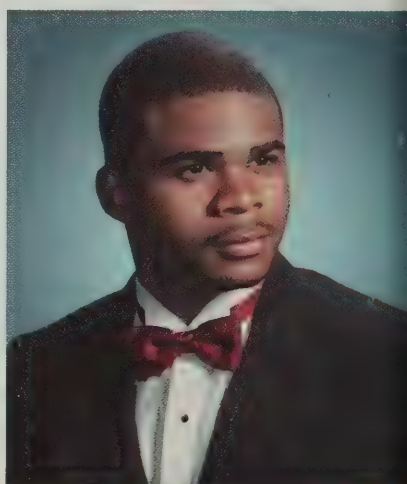
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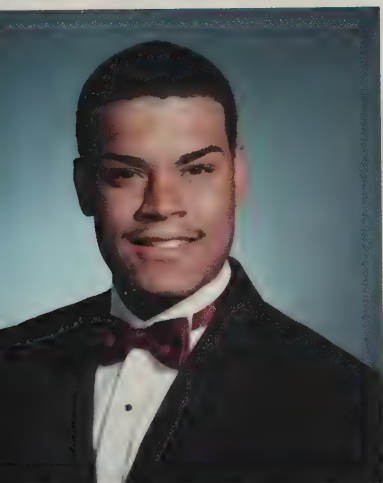
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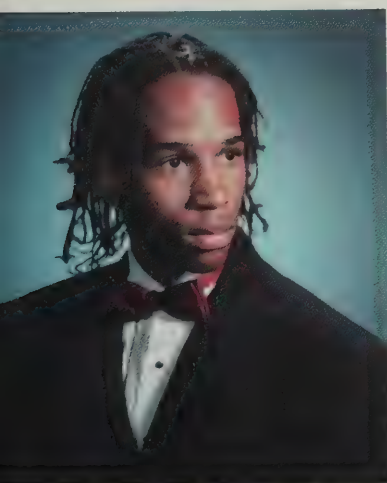
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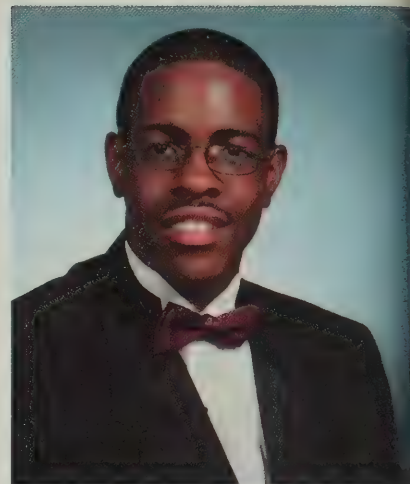
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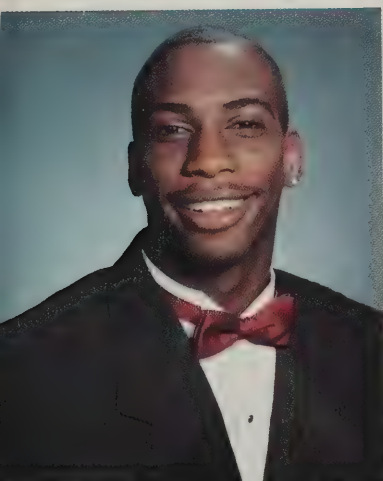
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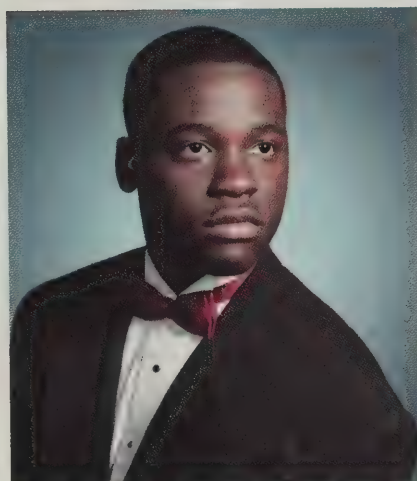
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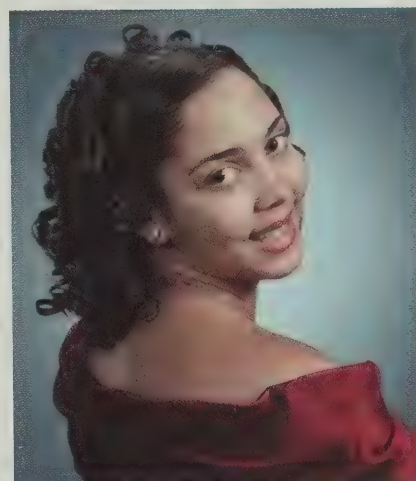
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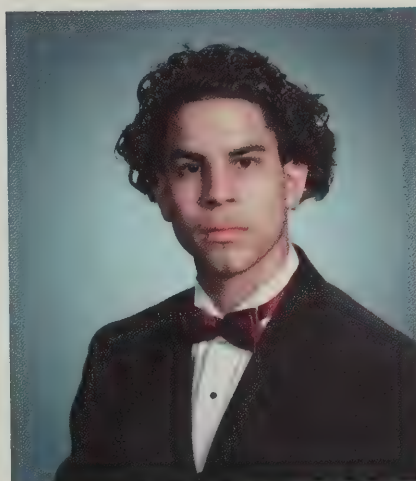
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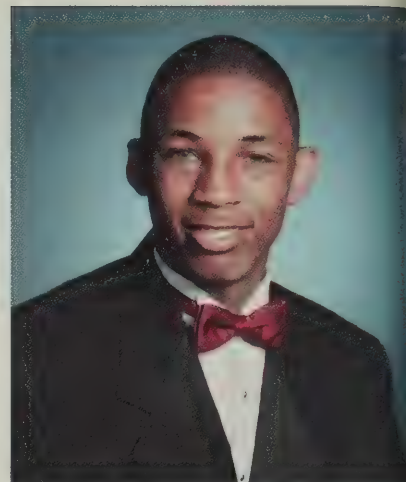
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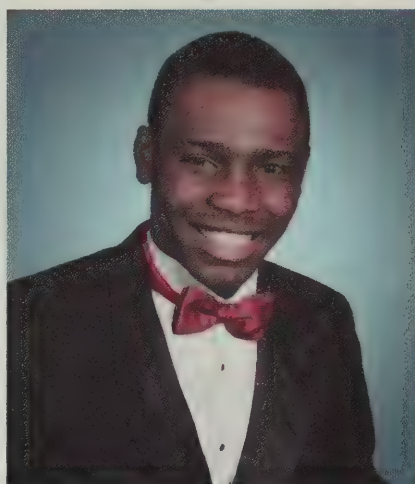
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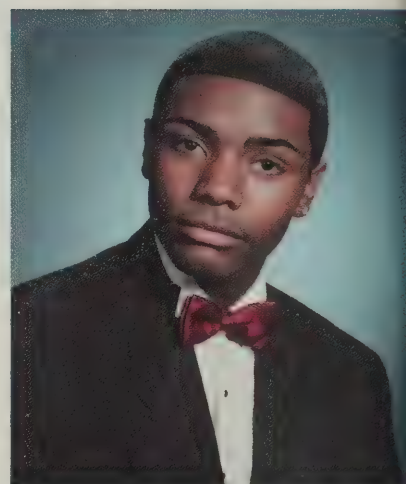
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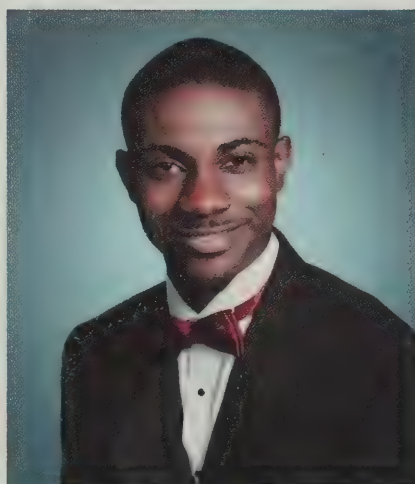
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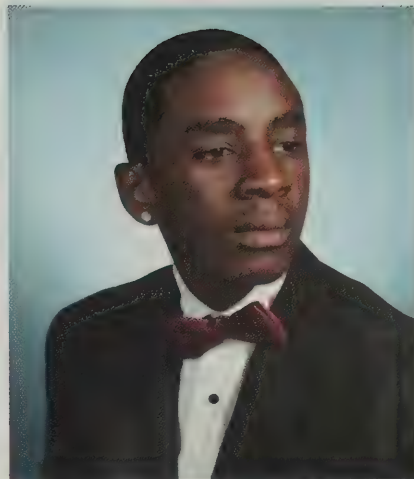
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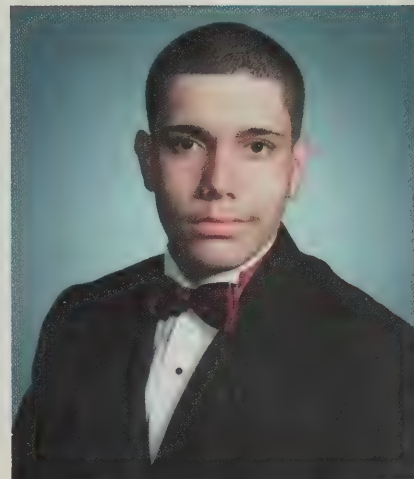
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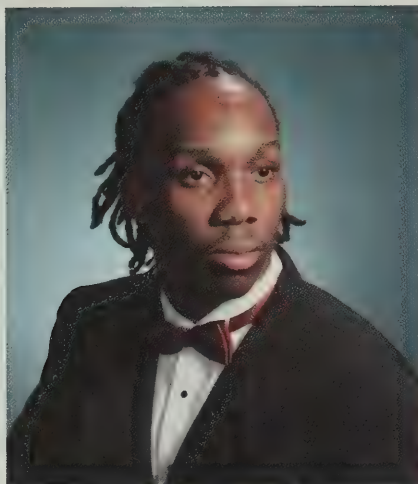
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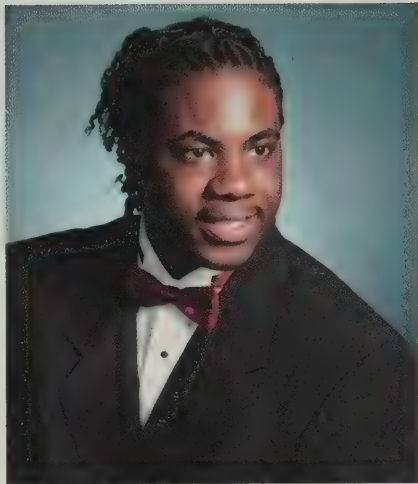
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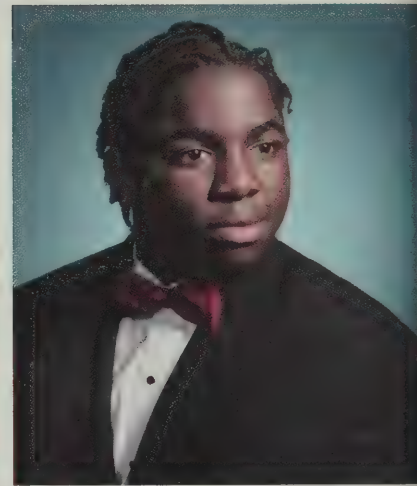
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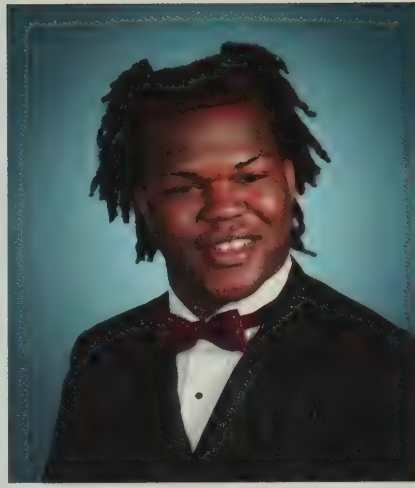
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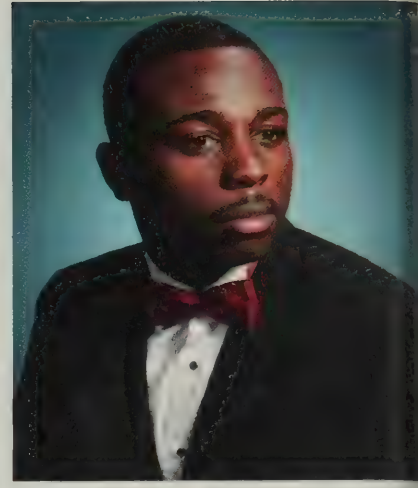
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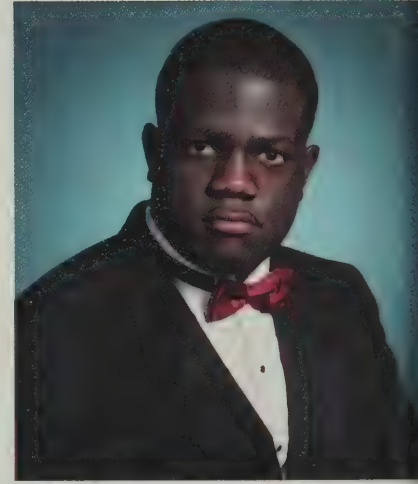
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MANITIES GRADUATING CLASS OF 2004



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KAFILAT AMOKOMOWA

Through my trials and tribulations, I have been able to overcome many obstacles in life but if it weren't for my heavenly Father above, I wouldn't be writing this today and I thank you. To my mother: I love you. You are a tapestry that has been woven with beautiful threads and no one can rip you apart. This tapestry continues with the faces of my sisters who made me strong. Without you my life wouldn't be complete. To "The Real One," I love you with all my heart and with you I know our journey is filled with happiness. Remi, Christie, Tracy, Taj, Unique, and Matthew: your spirits and ambitions have moved me spiritually, mentally, and physically, I give thanks to y'all. To my love who has been my friend, teacher, partner, and student, Charles, I thank you for believing in me.

Now I want to give my shout outs to Audrey, Tangy, Tina, and Mo, my extended sisters, thanks for being there for me. Sexy, stay sweet and funny. To Phil, Cat, Ayoola, Carlton, and Paco, my brothers, I care for you and thank you.

To those that I didn't mention, stay strong; make your dreams come true. Let your path guide you to the right place in life. *Never Before, Never Again*, our legacy will never be touched. Vize Verza!



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ASHLEY ANDERSON



Six years ago, I started a journey at University to find a new place to call home. I created memories that I will forever cherish in my heart. I have to thank God for that. Grandma Sharon- this is for you. Mommy, there is no way to repay you for everything. God truly blessed me with you. Love you. Derek and Daddy- your shoulders were always there when I needed someone to lean on. Family- you have always kept me on my toes. Charles- you're the perfect big brother I never had. Carlton- I could not have chosen a better best friend than you. Rainy- I will never stop loving you for being a true friend. Sequins- we made it *together* Yahsmine and Rahbbea- Sisters for life, Beauties Forever. Phil- I appreciate everything you have done for me. Asia- cousins thicker than water. SJGreen- I am too young to be your wife but old enough to be your heart. I love you.

Ashlee, Mo, Tina, Audrey, Tangee, Khandice, Tia, Cookie, Tash, Anya, Tiffany, Shanese, Nikah, EBG, Sheerah, Amina life wouldn't have been as exciting without yall. My boys- Fro, Josh, Catman, Pac, Austin, Chaz, Nashid - Stay Up. Alve, Tdog, Howard, Melvin, James, Gironda, and Angie- My success is due to you. Seniors, Lunch-chicks, Underclassmen, I leave my legacy for the faces of tomorrow. *Never Before, Never Again*

CRYSTAL ANDRIES

Letting go is such a heartbreaking intimacy,
Yet I know how you feel
It's like a cringe in your stomach
However you can't believe it to be real
A silent cry of remembrance
A destined trip into the past
A tainted memory
How you long for it to last
I heard your voice yesterday
And God it pains me still
To know in your mind I'm thought of
My misery is hard to kill
Yet I know how you feel.
The pain is real, for a love there still
Listen, don't cry, because I feel how you feel."

For every beginning there is an end. Lives stuck in limbo in which we are "*Never Before, Never Again!*" My six-year struggle at University was filled with many obstacles, and with the support of family, friends and staff, I overcame them. I will first congratulate myself for aspiring to be the best and making a difference for the better. *Thank You Mommy For Everything!* Malcolm & Clarissa, thanks for all the times we've shared. To my sisters Tia & U- Landa much love. My love to Judy, Shakera, Yvette, Monique, and Juanta. To my grandpas, I love you. My heart to: Atakora Family, Crosby Family, and all staff. To the underclassmen and to the class of 2004, I wish you much success in your future endeavors. It's been real.



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NATASHA ANTHONY

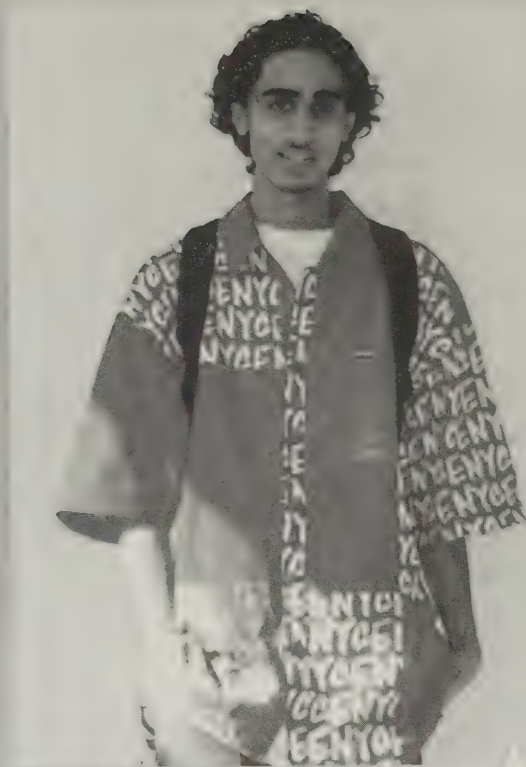
After four years of high school, I have finally reached my destination. Although I plan on going to college, it was my pleasure to have been a student at University High school. First, I would like to give honor to God, who is ahead of my life. Next, my family & my mother for being there when I needed them. I would also like to adulate all of the teachers, for writing good recommendations, especially Mrs. Gironda. Thanks for helping me better my SAT scores. Mrs. Muhammad, Ms. Turner & Mrs. DeVaughn thanks for helping me become a mature young adult. Chanel, for being a second sister. I am going to miss you! Shanikah, for being my best friend. Lisa, for being there when I needed someone to gossip with and do school work with. Shout Outs to: Tangee, Audrey, Shi-shytta, Anya, Asia, Mina, Eba, Phil, Shanese, Tiffany, Ashley A., Sheerah, Lamont, Judy and those forgotten. Thanks to Tierra for walking to school with me. Tiffany H. We missed you! Finally to the class of 2004 & beyond, "Every man who rises above the common level has received two educations. The first from his teachers, the second more personal and important, from himself" Never stop learning, for a good education is the key to a successful future! *Never Before, Never Again* will there be another class of 2004!



UMMAR AWAN

After years of education and now just a moment away from graduation. This wouldn't be possible without the love of my parents. They have been like my angels that filled up the chip in my shoulder. The whole Awan Family thanks for making me fight through my struggles. Salutations to Ms. James and homeroom 117 for making me feel comfortable at UHS. Mr. Leon for being the best principal that University ever had. Most importantly all praises to Almighty Allah. Without his blessings I wouldn't be where I am today.

Now to the class of 2004. Salaam to my brothers Jalil, Brandon, and Cat Eyes. Fro, Josh, Mook, Sheera, Kellye, Pac. Shanese, thanks for having my back even knowing I had no troubles. To the lost ones Naz and Mack. Tiff, Shaheidah, Judy, Sequince Tangee, Shanika, EB, Anya and Shaquana for bringing a smile to my face day by day. And now as I walk step by step closer to the stage I get wiser and start to understand that *Never Before* did I realize what I had and *Never Again* would I miss my chance. Finally to the special someone who always believed in me, thank you for all your love and support, you know who you are. Now no more names are needed the loves already given. To the rest of 2k4 much love to the Fame.



ASHLEE BARNETT

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Given Honor to God Who is the head of my life, I am so thankful for his many blessings.

Never Before have I been as Strong as I am now. Never Again will I be dealt this hand in this big game we call life. Daddy, love and miss you, and this is all for you- RIP, Mommy, words can't express how much you've helped. Aunt Gwen, I'm your nugget, but you're my treasure chest. Aunt Shirley, love you. Derrick and Bridgette, where would I be if it weren't for you? Ashston and Amarion, you are my reasons for living. And where would my life be without my deck of cards: My aces, Porsha, Alvarez, Erin-without you I might not have made it. My kings- Mooky, Paco, Charles, Carlton, Nashid- thanks for being the big brothers I needed. My queens- Ashley, Asia, Sheerah, Shieedah, Zaraina- we've overcome hills that weren't easy but we did it- *together*. My jokers and wild cards - Audrey and Tangee, we had wild times. My jacks- Tina, Mo, Austin, Chaz, Cat-man, Lamar, Lisa, Tasha, Anya, Nikah, EBG, Tiffany, Shanese, Lance- it's been real. Twin (Tia)- I'll miss you. To Ms .Hewitt, Ms. Melvin, Ms.Tierney, Ms.Raysor, thanks. Frankie (Ryan)- I'll always love you. Homeroom 117- *remember*. Varsity Cheerleaders- strive to be the best. *Never Before, Never Again* will there be a class like WHOA 2004 to grace the halls of UNI.



CHARLES BASDEN

Six long years at University have taught me the difficult principles of sacrifice, acceptance and dedication. In my departure, I would like to thank people who have become pillars in my life. Mother- Words can't express the love I have for you. Father- You never let me down. You showed me what it took to become a man and for that I thank you. Sisters- Thank you for all the arguments and your continuous support. My Dear Friends Ashley- Jay to Fox, Ain't no Chick like the one I got, Carlton- If I could make the perfect friend it would be you. Zaraina- You made me smile everyday which makes you extra special. Mook- Our relationship is priceless, you have become that brother I never had. Keith, Reggie, Matee, Rasheerah, Monique, Tina, Asia, Vanessa, Ola and *so many others*, I love you all. No one could have a better group of friends; through all the trials and tribulations, my heart will always have places for all of you. Kliq Forever! Basketball team and my junior family hold it down! Teachers and Staff thank you all for being there to teach and provide many opportunities. To my guardian angels Mrs. Howard, Felicia, Ms. James and Angela- I can never repay any of you. I promise to make you'll proud.... *Until we meet again Never Before e Never Again (Class Whoa 2004)*



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ASIA BECK



First and foremost, GOD, thank you, for without you nothing is possible. To my family, thank you for everything. These six years have finally come to an end and I would like to give thanks to all my teachers especially Ms. Turner. Special shout outs to my friends: Anya (the right side of my brain), Lisa, Tasha, and Shashishimo, Phil, EBG, Jalil, Shanese, Amina and Tif. To my sisters: Kaiyah, Shanikah, AshleeB, and AshleeJ I love you. To my cousins: AshleyA thank you for being there for me when I needed you. Zaraina - thanks for everything, I love you. To my SAT buddies: Audrey and Tangee, I'll never forget our late night sessions at Ash's and Charles's house. To my best friend Jasmine, thanks for being a friend. To my brothers: Charles, Carlton, Austin, Catz and Mookie, thanks for keeping a smile on my face. Ryan thanks for your advice. Khandice thanks for being my backbone. Sequins, thanks for brightening up my days. To my buddy Nashid, I love you. Chaz we've been through our ups and downs but I still love you. John I will love you always, you will always have a place in my heart. Uncle Paco I love you. To the class of 2004 we finally made it, "Never Before, Never Again" will there be a class like ours.

FAELYNN BLACK



The c/o 2004 is best described in the words **Never Before, Never Again**. Never before has anyone accomplished what we have; and never again will anyone do as we have done. We are irreplaceable... I want to give the most thanks to the big man upstairs, God almighty. Without Him in my life, I would never have found my way. Thanks to my mother & grandmother for keeping me on the right path, because Lord knows I really needed a lot more butt kicking's then I got. I give thanks to my lil' sis' Drea for always keeping' me on my toes,. To my best friends & big sisters Leen, Danny, & Tiff, I love all of you very much; I wouldn't trade you in for anything. Remember I still have that shovel when it's needed. Lastly I give thanks to my precious Vegeta, I don't know where I'd be with out you. I love you with all my heart. Never let go for I'll never let you go. Always & forever.

To a priceless class I leave with hopes for the future may you all be successful.

There was **Never** a class like us **Before**, & there will **Never** be one **Again**.

Ok, I luv ya ba-bye!

MAPLETINE BRASWELL

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Never Before, Never Begin will I be able to compose these thoughts, so to keep it simple, I'll say my goodbyes now. Goodbye to coming late to school and getting late passes, goodbye to the morning announcements. Goodbye to Ms. Turner, chasing us for class dues and the like. I will miss all of it. Although I'm saying goodbye, it will never be forgotten. I would like to say to my fellow senior class members to not let these words be a simple memory, but rather a reminder of the times we shared. Remember me always, and believe that I can't help but to remember you. We have simply been through too much to forget each other. Whether I see one of you three years from now at the mall or ten years from now at a class reunion, trust me it will definitely be an experience. I love you guys and stay focused and healthy. Last, but definitely not least, I thank the Lord for keeping me at his will. I also thank my Mom, Dad, and my brothers and sisters for loving me. Finally I thank my best friends for being able to hold such a title: Monique, Charles, Ola, and Audrey. I Love You. Love. Peace. Happiness. Oh, yeah Congratulations Class of 2004!!



ELISA BROWN



First and foremost I would like to give praise to my lord and savior, without you I would not had the chance to go through this experience. Ma, you are my mother, best friend, and my angel in disguise. You are a beautiful reflection of grace that no one else could replace. You loved me and healed my pains. Without you I really don't know where I would be. I want to thank you for raising me into the great young lady that I am. Daddy, I appreciate every single thing you do for me, I am happy to have a father like you, even though we have gone through our ups and downs I treasure every irreplaceable memory. Because you loved and protected me, I turned out to be unique and I thank you for that. Words cannot express my boundless gratitude that I have for you both. I am glad and lucky that I have wonderful parents like you. To the rest of my family thank you for being there when I needed your support and love.

Tasha (gossip partner), Anya, Nikah, Mina, Tiff, Ebony, Sheerah, Shieedah, Asia, Shanese, Tangee, Audrey and Phil (and the list stops there). All of y'all played a major part in my life during these crazy four years; I love you and wish for the best. To the class of 2004, good luck.

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MARQUITA CABRERA

Life has a funny way of bringing people together, and I would like to give much needed thanks to God for blessing me with all of my family and friends. These past four years at University High have given me a broader picture on "life" and have better prepared me to live in the "Real World." Just to name a few friends Jessica, you are a true friend. No matter what you always had my back and never turned yours on me. Tyneshsa, you are another good friend, I met you and Jessica at the same time, and I don't know what high school would have been without you girls. Danielle, you were a new addition to the clique but you are still my girl, I could always have a good laugh or serious conversation with you. Alneesha, you are a cool person when you act like yourself (be true to yourself), a lot of people thought of you as annoying but I accepted you for who you were, because that's just who I am. As I sit here and reminisce about my past, I shed a tear for all those who weren't fortunate to live and witness our great future, and take their first steps in the grazing fields of the "Real World". **Never Before** have I felt like this and **Never Again** will I. God Bless.



CHRISTIAN CALLAHAN



Never Before Never Again will I be in an environment in which I liked few and disliked many of the members of the environment. To the teachers who saw something in me thank you for your support and your greatly appreciated kind words. To my athletic coaches (Mr. Arnold and Mr. Doyle) thank you for bestowing upon me the honor of captaining your teams. To Reginald and Lance for being my amusement when I needed a laugh. To my boy Devin for listening to my sport stories *everyday*. To Selicia and Angela for being there when I needed a friend to talk to. To my best friend Marcus we came in together and we're leaving together, we did it we're finally out this place. To all those people who I will miss good luck and I hope you succeed in your field of choice, and for those I won't miss, I hope I never see you again.

JINY CHARLES

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The time has finally come for the class of 2004 to say good-bye. The six years that I have spent here at University High have not been easy. There are so many people who have helped me along the way. I first want to say thank you to my Lord and Savior God: with out Him I would not have the strength to get through the six years here at University. Also I thank my parents, who have taught me to never give up, and have showed me that I can do anything as long as I put my mind to it. Many thanks go out to my best friend Taliah who always found a way to put a smile on my face. To "the crew:" Marquita, Asia, Tiffany, and LaShonda we have been through so much in so little time. Nothing has been able to tear us apart, and for that I will always hold a special place in my heart for each one of you. Thanks Eric for always making me laugh. Thanks to the teachers and staff that made sure that I did my work. Mrs. Gironda, Ms. Hernandez, Ms. Mahon, and Mr. Corley. To anyone that I have left out thank you and you all have a place in my heart. To the class of 2004 *Never Before, Never Again!!!!* Good Luck to you all!!



CHARLINE CLEMENT

First, I would like to thank God for creating and shaping me in His image. Thank you to my parents, June-Ann and Felix Clement for their love and support which has brought me this far and that will continue to propel me in the future. To all of my family, brothers; sisters, nieces and nephews, love you dearly, especially Ashlee, JR and Travis for “always” being there for me, Chris for being a friend and a brother, Devon and Jason my second brothers. Ashaveon and Devette you guys always keep me busy. Mollu, Donnette, Desiree and Ifeni you all have also been there for me. Uncle Leroy and Auntie Donna thank you for getting me where I am now. Thank you to my spiritual mothers Sister Pat, Sister Brenda, Mother Welch and spiritual father, Brother William. To Granny, Auntie Earla, Rita, Osllyn, Val, Claudette, Uncle Michael, Pat, Witty, and Dennis, thank you all. Thanks to all of my teachers, especially Ms. Doctor for seeing my full potential and administrators that I have ever had for your knowledge. To the girls, Treas, Dera, Maggie, Toya, Nicole, Jazzy, love you all dearly, I know our dreams will come true. Thanks to my first friends, Tiffany, Taliah, Asia, Shonda, Marquita, Shaniece, Jiny and Eric. Thanks to all my acquired friends, especially Shanese, Tiffany, Khandice, Ashley, Kelly, Vanessa and Ashlee.

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Foremost, I thank God for being my Lord and savior. To my mother, you are truly a blessing, and words can't express how much I luv you. To my stepfather, thanks for being there. To my siblings, Shaquille, Khalil, and Kayla, I'm proud to be your older sister. My brother Quadir, you truly were a great impact on my life. I will always look up to you and I luv you. To my best friends: Ashlee, we were friends since 7th grade and you were always by my side, Vanessa, I appreciate having you as a friend and I enjoy your company; Lawrence, nobody could replace the true person you are. You can always keep a smile on my face. Taliya, your personality makes you and don't change it for anyone. To all of you I wish you good luck in life. To Brandon, I luv you and I will always be by your side. You made me realize the true meaning of happiness, and you will always have a place in my heart. Jasmine, I can't help but to be happy in your presence. Nyya, you're more than a friend, I consider you as my cousin. Special thanks to the rest of my family. I luv yall. Shout outs to: Phil, Rasheedah, Mike, and Charles. To the class of 2004, *Never Before, Never Again*, was there a class like us.



TYNESHA COLEY

First, I would like to thank God for everything he has done for me in my life. To my mother, thanks for always being there and for always believing in me. I could not have made it this far without your love and guidance. To the rest of my family thank you for the support over the years. To Kellye, you have been a real and honest friend since I've known you and I thank you for always staying true to yourself. To Marquita C. (Fat Girl) thanks for the many laughs we shared these past four years you are one of the few people I can call a real friend. To Jessica (Messy Jessy) I just want to thank you for being you. You are one of the realest people I know and I'm glad that I have you as my friend. To Danielle (Danny Fresh) thank you for always listening when I had something important to say. You are a very genuine person and I am glad to have known you. To Ebony, when we gone do a track? Thanks for always making me laugh, even though it got me in trouble sometimes, but no matter where I go I will never forget you. Never before, never again will I be honored to be a part of a class as fun and crazy as the senior c/o 2004!



NASHID CORBIN

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I give thanks to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who has strengthened me and guided me this far, I give thanks to my nurturer, my protector, my beautiful mother who is the blood that runs through my veins. I especially thank my father, who has always been there for me during the good and the bad, giving his 110% of support. To all family that has been behind me since the beginning, especially my Grandmother and Aunt Alice. I was taken under the Phoenix's wing, captured and placed amongst truly the best. We have stayed uniform and strong; a class University has seen "Never Before, Never Again". To my best buddy, Jasmine aka J-Breezy, you have truly been a friend, more like a sister. Our relationship is a priceless gift never to be taken away. Charles, you are a true friend, you have been there for me since the beginning of time. To Sequins, Monique, Mapletine, Audrey, Asia, Little Bit, and Barney, you are the coolest. And Lance thanks for the times. Thanks to Ms. Turner for being a guardian angel who has kept my notes straight and my head in the right direction. Ms. Hewett and Mr. Velazquez who have helped me grow over the years. To Mrs. Gironda, you truly have left a lasting impression, and I express my deep appreciation for all you have done.



SHAQUANA COUNCIL



Never Before, Never Again! Truer words were never spoken. I will often think of University, my friends and my teachers, always remembering the good times and the bad ones. And through it all, I will thank my lucky stars for giving me a wonderful loving family. I thank you for the support and wisdom through some turbulent times, and your laughter and love through the good times. I will remember the lunch table and how we laughed until tears filled our eyes. I love you guys. You are the best. Keep in touch. To my teachers: Thank you for giving me your best. I'm sorry that I was not always able to respond in kind. Blame it on my youth, but keep doing the wonderful job that you have always done.

Never again will I feel so young, and carefree, never again laugh with friends in the hallways or share confidences at the locker. But never have I looked forward to the rest of my life with as much joy and anticipation.

Good luck to the Class of 2004.

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RASHEERAH CURETON

Firstly, I would like to thank God for allowing me to come this far. My aunt Pie, no one has taught me more or pushed me harder. Thanks for the heart, I Love You. My mother, brothers and family, you all inspired me. I love you. The Chaney family, thanks for being there with open arms. Shawny, you mean the world to me. Thanks for it all. Mookie, Paco and Junior: you're the greatest. Words cannot express how much I love you. Nakiyyah, my little sister and best friend, I love you. Shieedah, my other half, I don't know where to begin but for starters Thank You, Love you. Ebony and Shanikah we finally made it, 11 years of hardships and friendship. Tiffany and Shanese you're an inspiration and I love you. God Bless! Ashlee B. my second mother, I love you dearly. Mack you're the big brother I always wanted. Tangee, Anya, Lisa, Tasha, Rukaiyah love you all. Lincey and Woosa continue to be an inspiration. Mr. Cardoso, Ms. Turner, Ms. Hewitt, Ms. Melvin and Ms. Tierney, thanks for the support. To those I forgot, I love you. RIP Ibn, Fatty Meel and Uncle Oug. "The Good Die Young."

Never Before, Never Again will there be a class like ours.



SEQUINS DEBOSE

God if it weren't for the two footprints in the sand where would I be? You already know how I feel. Mommy thank you for setting your standards so high for me, I never wanted to disappoint you. I did all this for you. Tyrell, just when I needed you the most you popped out of thin air and rescued me. You are my knight in shining armor. I Love You Best Friend. Khandice you were me eyes, ears, mouth etc. You kept my feet on solid ground. Barry you took time out to really understand me and listen to me. I Love You So Much. Leon you are like the Big Brother I never had. I never went hungry as long as you had \$2 in your pocket. Ashley A. I could Always cry on your shoulder, no matter what you will always be "Bestest Best". Catman I Love You Honey. Diamond you taught me patience and how to be a mother. Do better than I did, Diamond "Muffin" Sapphire "Star" Beachem. Ms. Graham, Mrs. Gironda, Mrs. Schiele, Ms. Cuevas and Daddy Husain, Thank You all for being second parents to me and caring about my future. (The hardest 6 years of my life.) Never before and Never again will I have all of you in my life the same way guiding me in the right direction.

Everyone else, the CD...



DESIREE DORSEY

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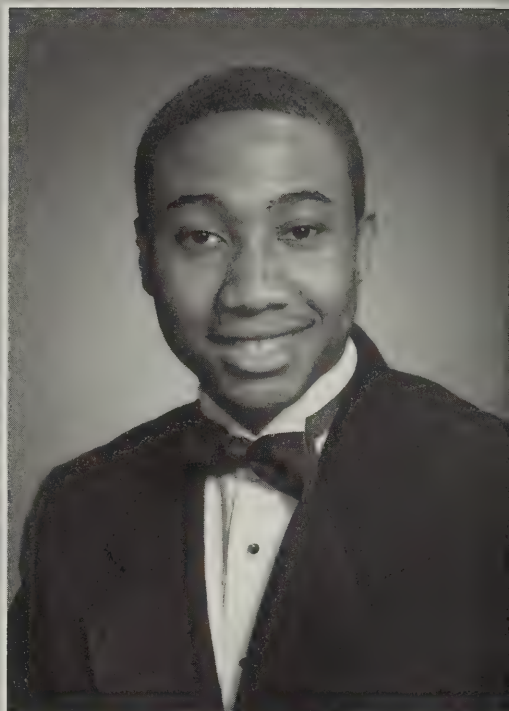
First and Foremost I want to thank God for allowing me to achieve and accomplish all that I have. I also want to thank the most important people in my life who kept my head up and steered me in a straight path. To my father who taught me that education was the first and foremost important thing in life and I couldn't get anywhere without it. To my mother who always told me to stay strong and let nothing or no one stand in my way. To my brother, who has always been my backbone and support system. To my loving boyfriend who has kept my head out of the clouds my last year. To my sisters and family who have always been loving and supportive of me.

I also would like to thank my teachers and some of UHS staff that helped me through my six years at University. Dr. Rahimi, Mrs. Mahon my guidance counselor, and especially my favorite teacher Ms. Schiele. I would also like to give a shout out to my best friend since the seventh grade Nicole Mc Queen who has always been trusting, and to my other friend Maggie, who shared good times with me in Biology class tenth grade and to Taliyah and Kellye. I wish all of my friends and the rest of the graduating class of 2004 the best of luck in the future.

AYOOLA ELLIOTT

First of all I want to thank God for giving me the knowledge to pursue my education. Next I would like to thank my parents for being in my corner from day one. After that I would like to thank the people I hung with. I want to thank my sister, Zaraina, Wife Ola, my people Ummar, Charles, Phil, Dre, Damir, Fro, Twins, Jaleel, Daniel, Carlton, Chaz, John, all the Ashleys, Khandice, cat man, Josh, Rasheera, Sequins, Andrew, Tina, Neek Boogie, Austin, Shanice, Dirty Man, Chad, every girl I ever chased or flirted with, and anybody I hung with but didn't remember your name. I want to thank the people who helped me the most in this school. Those people are John Brown, Antoinne, Carlton, and Zaraina. I thank John for always having my back, I want you to stay focused. Carlton I thank you for helping me get over my first day nervousness, and helping me meet new people. Zaraina, I thank you for being like my sister, even though we had our times. Antoinne, even though we are not really family, you like my brother. I could not enjoy my high school days enough without hearing them corny jokes. Even if I was mad at somebody, a couple of those jokes took that away. The last thing I want to say to everybody is stay up.

Never Before, Never Again



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JUDITH FIGUEROA

First, and foremost, I would like to thank the Lord for guiding me in the right direction. Without Him, I'd be lost. Secondly, I would like to thank the class of 2004 for helping me become the person I am today. All of you have played an important part in my development. Whether you didn't like me, started beef with me, were my first love, or were my best friend, you taught me something, and I would like to thank you all for that. You also provided me with everything I ever lacked at home and that alone makes the class of 2004 my family. We've seen each other grow and develop into mature individuals who will make something of our lives. **Never Before** has there been a class like us who are all full of unique talent; **Never Again** will there ever be. I would also like to give Mrs. Gironda special thanks for helping me look at my work in a new light, have more expectations in my future, and not having hope but determination for reaching my goals. Finally, I would like to thank my family who have *all* taught me something whether in a good way or bad. As for the class of 2004, we made it and I'm relieved. Best wishes to you all, and I'm sure going to miss you. Love Y'all!!!!



TRAVIS FLANNIGAN



I would like to give thanks to Ms. Raysor and my mother for believing in me and knowing that I can make it through high school.

I cannot forget my little hommies: D-Block, Joey, and Snacks for being my boys.

Never Before, Never Again will I be in high school and share these good times with everyone.

ZARAINA FRAZIER

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Walking through these doors 6 years ago has changed my outlook on life. It has taught me that friends come and go and that life goes on. It taught me that education is a tremendous part of everyone's life. *Never before, Never Again* states that there was no class like us and none to follow. To the Class of 2004 -WHOA; much love and success.

To my parents, thanks for the harsh punishments and lectures to guide me in the right direction. To my extended family, thanks for believing in whatever I decided to do. To my siblings, life would've been so hard without your support. To my best friends, Ashley, Charles, Carlton: thanks for the love and being my backbones. To my cuz', Asia and God sister, Ashley B., thanks for long talks, downtown trips and many amounts of food shared. To my brothers, Ayoola, Phil, Austin, Cat, Mook and Paco; you were always there when I needed you to make me feel special. To Ola, Rasheerah, Shieedah, Shanikah and Ashlee J., thanks for being there to lean on. To Se-Se, our friendship was short; you're still in my heart. To Audrey, Mo, Tina Tangee; thanks for the laughs. To My Stink, I will always love you. Jameel Terrence and Lamar, you are always remembered and never forgotten R.I.P. To Ms. Tierney, Ms. Melvin and Ms. Alvarez, Ms. Willaims thanks for holding my hand though the struggle.

Until we meet again...

Never Before, Never Again.

DANIELLE FREELAND

Finally we made it! These have been a challenging six years for me. I've made some friends during this time that will be my friends for life. First, I want to thank God because without him I would not be here. Now, I could not get through this at all without the love and support of my family. Mommy, Emah, Raya I want to thank y'all for being there for me no matter what. Mommy, you believed in me all the times that I said "I can't" or "I don't understand". You were there and for that I thank you. Much Love. Nana, Papa, Daddy, Nana and all of my aunts, uncles, cousins thank you for your support. To my friends I'm going to miss y'all. Latoya, Yvette, Shaniece, Tynesha, Marquita, Jessica y'all always knew how to make me laugh (which wasn't hard). To the rest of my friends who I could not mention, don't think that I forgot about y'all every one of you were special to me in your own way. To all of the teachers who believed in me thank you. Ms. Hewitt, Ms. DeVaughn, Ms. Schiele, Dr. Rahimi, Ms. Turner, you were always there if I needed anything and I will miss you all so much. Just remember that I'm one of a kind and that there is no student like me, *Never before and never again.*



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AMINA GILCHRIST



With my back against the wall, I know I could always count on my mother. Mom without you in my life, nothing would be possible. I have a mother, a friend, and a blessing all in one. Thanks. To my one and only father I love you with all my heart. My family, words cannot express how much I appreciate you. Shakerah and Kia y'all are my homies for life. *Never before and never again* will I have such amazing classmates. Congratulations class of 2004.

SHARAAN GILES

Everyone marches to the beat of his own drummer." So since I'm a drummer, does that mean I march to myself? This six-year experience of mine has been truly spiritual. I came in fresh and new as a seventh grader, and now I'm leaving even more confused as a Senior. Seriously, I will treasure these moments until I'm fully diagnosed with Alzheimer's and forget who I am. Never Before, have I been so challenged, met so many interesting people, gotten into so much trouble, had so much free food, or been inspired by brilliant minds. Never Again, will I enjoy this facility as a student, only as a finished product of greatness. Never Again will I remember any of your faces and names once I'm old and die.

I'd like to thank my guiding lights, my Star Polishers. Mr. Corley, who is my godfather. Thank you for your knowledge and your love. You have truly made a difference in this young man's life. Mr. Leon for being the foundation of my education. Ms. Turner for allowing me to cut in her class. My English teachers for allowing me to express myself and understanding my handwriting. To my Math teachers for always finding new ways to constantly confuse me. To the lunch ladies that cooked whatever they managed to find.
"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



BRANDON GREEN

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Foremost I would like to show gratitude to Allah for making it possible to experience this "**never again never before**" moment and to guide me as he did, throughout the rest of my life. I would also like to thank my family especially my mother, for exposing the qualities of life to me and pushing me to excel and achieve more in life, as those in my past didn't. Special thanks to my mother because she's a very strong black single parent raising four young men on her own, and has done a remarkable job at it. As a result, she can now see her hard work has paid off. So to my mother Kimberly "Boss Lady" Green I love you. For those in my family who took time out to talk to me to and show me the right way thanks and much love: Hass, Aunt Terry, Bob, Grandfather, and many more. I want also shout out the class of 04': Paco, Mook, Fro', Mack, Jah, Cat, Sparks, Dre', Phil, Dirty, Brother, Lawrence, Chaz, C-Bas, Ummar, my wife Taa', Ashley(s), Mina, Vette, Anya, Judy, Tiff, Nessa, Tasha, Lisa, Kera, Kia, and my hood fellas and chicks, Muff, Ya-Ya, Sheed, Britt, Taniesha, and many more.
Never again would I experience this moment in high school, *never before* this moment come about...
"Hope for the best, and you'll achieve the best."

BRIAN GREEN

First I would like to thank God, Kimberly Green, and my family for giving me the will power to have made it this far and succeed at what I've done. Without their support I probably wouldn't be here now, especially the support from my mother who's always encouraging me to get good grades so that I can make it to and in college. Thank You Mom for being there at school and on the football field. I will never forget those great times. I will always Love You Mom Dukes, keep up the good work raising your young men.

I would like to thank everyone who supported the Bulldog. Family more respect to you and much love. I would like to thank all my good friends who were here for me. First, my little sister Shanice; Brian, thank you guys for being great best friends. Thank you all my crazy University friends Judy, Hawk, Tudor, Crystal, Shi-Shi, all Ashley's, Audrey, Mag, Treasure, Jasmine, Denise, Tiffany, Paco, Catman, Fro, Khandice, Queen, Phil, and Carl. If I forgot anyone, excuse me. Thank You to Indera you're a good friend but you can't beat me! Thank You to Ms. Rojy and all the other teachers for your great work and lastly I would like to thank my brothers and my Grandmother for being there. **Never Before, Never Again**

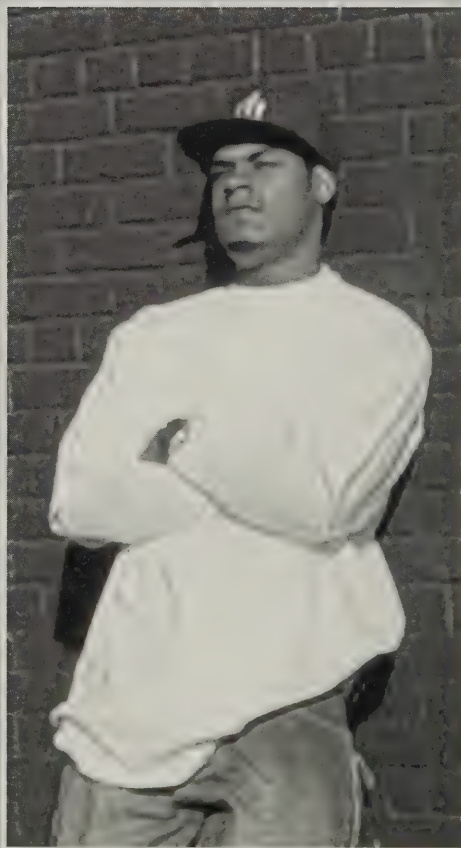


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SAMAD GREEN

First, I would like to thank myself because, let us be real, I made this possible. And of course, credit is due to moms. To my brother Charles, I love you baby because from Damu to now you were in corner holding me down. I appreciate you kid and if this half page can be entirely about you it would. To all my dudes Lamar, Chaz, Austin, Woo, Scoop, Tangee, Ryan, Asia, Catman and Phil keep making believers out of them who doubt. Success is our destiny, so do not ignore it. To my hearts Sheerah and Ashlee, I love you both with all my heart. To Pac Eagle, stay the same baby because you and me are like strawberry and kiwi, good by ourselves but great together. To my dude Carlton, I love you kid, because you were always real. To University, thank you for teaching me life. To T Dog and Alve I couldn't have asked for better teachers, the love is genuine and I appreciate that. They say save the best for last so on that note to my Danny. Thank you for keeping a smile on my face and for being the star in my countless love poems. I love you more then just saying I do, that is why I always say I do not because I would rather show you. **Never Before Never Again**

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EBONY GREENE

First, I want to thank God almighty for guiding me through. Second, I would like to thank the most marvelous woman there is, Angela Hill a.k.a Angie, you can sit back with your head up, and say thank you. I realized that you had a chance in a million to raise a very magnificent, brilliant, and indeed gifted young lady, once again I say thanks ma. My Gram, you are truly my backbone, you always picked me up when I fell, I thank you Gram like no other. Throughout my six years in University High I experienced and learned so many things. As soon as I stepped foot in University, it made a path for my future automatically, I would like to thank University for all the teaching and the obstacles that came along.



My Smoke and Sheerah, thank ya'll girls for everything. It's too many words, but when someone ask, "what's a best friend?" y'all are the answer. Tiffany, we had our good times, bad times, and everything between. The experience we shared is unforgettable. I love you for what you made me, which is happy. Scream outs: Lis, Tash, Anya, Mina, Juice Bug, Tangee, Hanese, Lauren, Diva keep your diva style, Shishytta, Lamar, Josh, Phil, Hampsom, Jahlil, Mooky, Austin, Chaz, Paco, Carlton, and Catman. Who motivated me: Mrs. Muhammad, Mrs. DeVaughn, Ms. James, and **Me**. Thank y'all. We did it, **Never Before, Never Again!**

ERIC HAMMONDS

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First of all, I want to thank God because without God nothing would exist and I wouldn't have been given the chance to be here. I would also like to give a special thank you to my mother, grandmother, and my grandfather. Through all of my trials and tribulation, the only people who I've been able to go to 100% of the time have been my family. Without my family I wouldn't be where I am today. They have provided me with both the things I need and want. I would also to thank my family for helping me make the decision to come to UHS. *Never before, Never Again*", this describes my years at University perfectly. These last four years have been unique. The people I've met and things I've witnessed will never repeated. I would like to thank all of the people who helped make my years at University enjoyable. I'll start with the people who I came to University with: Devin, Marcus, Cat Eyes, Christian, and Yvette. I would also like to shout out all the friends I met during my years at University: Lamar, Josh, Elgio, Lisa, Maggie, Chaz, Paco, Mooky, Toya, Ashlee, Brandon, Brian, Jahlil, Carlton, Lashonda, Shaquanna, Phil, and Shieedah. These people made my years at University the best years of my life, but everything comes to an end. **Peace.**



DAMIR HARRIS

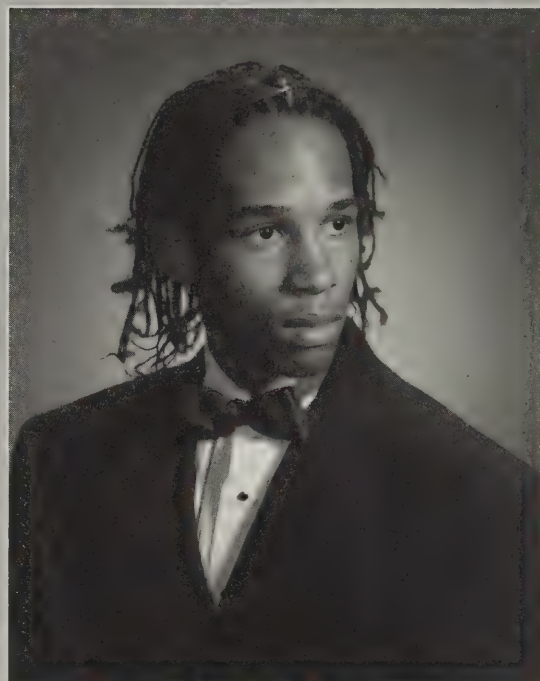
Here it is - Senior Year! I've waited for this time for so long, and now it's finally here.

I would like to give thanks to my family for all your love and support. I love you and appreciate everything you have done for me.

My friends, and you know who you are, I would like to say something to each and one of you, and I will do it in person, during the graduation rehearsal. You have given me the reason and the hope to come to school everyday.

To my teachers, what can I say? I tried, you tried, sometimes things worked out, sometimes it didn't. But I do appreciate all you have taught me, and for that I am grateful.

To the Class of 2004 - much success in everything we do.



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ANYA HARRIS



Never Before Never Again

I thank God for helping me to get through these four exasperating years. Also, I want to thank my mother and my sister for the extra edge to continue on. I would like to thank everyone who kept the excitement and hilarity going (for me) through these years. I will miss many of you!

Sincerely,
(Future) Dr. Anya Harris (gynecologist)

TIA HAWK



It seems like it all started yesterday but 6 years had already gone by
From barely a teen to a young adult within the walls of University
High

To witness a change in your character in developing all that you know
From crossing the stage in 2000 to becoming the class known as
WHOA

Esteemed to you all continued success. Eyes glistening with tears
She thanked her friends for all they've been remaining true throughout
the years

To Landa and Crystal six years worth of laughs. My sisters Lauren
Kera, and Kia I love you,
"Tamale-caliente" Kaiyah, and Liah thanks Marcus for every word that
was true

Phyllis I wish you the best, Thank you Reginald for hearing every word
Ms. Khandice Stewart who knows what most should, To TAZ- the
clique deferred

Thanks to twin for being my backbone And Louise for the advice you
gave

For all the times both bad and good Je t'aime Carlton always
To all those who helped me make it this far I'm forever grateful to you
For when I was lost or unsure of myself You helped me see things
through

Slowly she rose and thought for a moment. Then opened her eyes to
begin

Congratulations UHS class of '04 "Never Before... and Never Again"

LATOYA HEDGESPETH

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Being a student at University High School has had
its ups and downs, but fortunately for me the ups
outweighed the downs. For as long as I can
remember I have dreamed of these final days, and now
that they have come I am speechless. First and foremost
I would like to thank **God**, without him none of this
would be possible. Likewise I would like to thank my
Mommy. Mom I love you so much, thank you for
encouraging me and pushing me when you thought that
it was necessary. I do not know how I could have
survived without you for the past strenuous years. No
matter how much I got on your nerves, you were always
supportive and ready to talk with me when I needed
those special words. Once again thank you mommy and
I love you. To my road dog, my Uncle Bo, thank you
for all of the long, out of state trips. To Johnny Boy, do
not worry I am not going too far for school. To my
grandmother Nancy, stop being so complicated, I love
you. How could I forget the rugrats, my little brothers
Mar and Tariq, you guys are so bad. To the diva of the
family my "lil' sis Kiesah, pose girl! To my friends
Bobbie, Dera, Jas, Charly, Mag, Treas, Nikki,
Khandice, Luv yall!!!!!!! Never Before, Never Again.

LECHELLE HERRON



On Christ the solid rock I stand all other ground is sinking sand." To my best friend, God, all those times I prayed to you with all my burdens you looked beyond my faults and saw my needs. To my mother, my #1 supporter, Ma I'm sorry for all the mornings, getting me out the house on time was a struggle, but Thank God those days are over! I Love You Mommy and I appreciate all the hard work you've done to get me where I am today. To my big sister Vickie, can you believe your little sister is graduating To my "God-sent" mentor LaTosha Wilson a.k.a. (Sis. Wilson), thank you for all the weekends you've put aside to work with me, not only have you worked with me, but you've treated me as if I were one of your own, I Love You To my "big sis" April Lemon, thank you for the nights you gave me your ear to tell you about all the good and the bad days I've had through my senior year. To Britney: so much to say, but I only have about 20 more words left, I Love You girl. To Nicole: girl you are something else, regardless of what goes on between us just know that, I Love You. One year at University High School—**Never Before, Never Again.**

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SHIEEDAH HILTON



First I would like to thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for keeping me in his care. To *Mommy* without you there'd no me. I owe you my life, I love you so much. *Star* I love you, we gonna be rich. Trish, T.C. Hassan I love y'all. To Aunt Stephanie and them I'm proud to be a part of your family. To Sheerah I love you girl you were there through everything, you're my right half. Best Friends forever. Tangee I got so much love for you, you were there when you knew I needed to talk. Ashlee B. we've been through difficulties but we both came out the winners. Smoke, E.B.G., Tiff, Nese thanks yall for keeping me smiling, Anya, Lisa, Tash and Mina I'll never forget yall. To *Lamar* my loving angel, I love you too much, you've help me mature into a woman and you'll always have my heart. Remember you're the "Greatest Defensive Player Ever." Look for him on TV y'all. Shot outs to Austin, Chaz, Phil, Mook, Shaheed, Twinz, Charules, Carlton, Catman, Asia, Ola, Damir, Ummar, Ruk, Na, and Zaraina Denise. Kellye and Fat Josh I love yall. My brothers Antwan, J-Rock and Dave. To my in-laws: Thanks for liking me. Special Thanks to Mr. A., Mr. McNair, Mr. Cardoso, Ms James and Tierney. To the whole senior class we the best and **Never Before, Never Again** will there be a class like us.

CARLTON HOLMES



First off, I thank God for walking with me through this long journey, there is no power greater. I owe all my success to Mom Dukes, without you, none of this is possible, I Love You. To my family, I thank and love y'all for all your support, Vince, what's up son? This has been a hard fought and special six years. Special, because I have met many individuals who contributed to the great experience here at Uni. Charles, thanks for helping me hold my head above water, "This Is For A Lifetime Charlie". To Ashley A., words can't express how much you mean to my heart, because you've always been there for me. No matter what happens between us, I will always love you, Tia. Zaraina you're like my other half, and I thank you. Damir and Danny keep your head up and stay strong boys, I appreciate y'all. Cat, Chaz, Phil, Pac, Mook, Ayoola, Dre, Austin, Fro, Jahlil, Josh, Ummar, Uni wouldn't be Uni for me without y'all, stay cool my dudes. Woo, Ramel, Quan, Chad, yall next, hold it down. To my sisters, Sheerah, Asia, Ashley B, Judy, Tiff, Shanese, Ola, Shieedah, Mina, Mo, Audrey, Tangee, Nikah, Khandice, Tina, y'all hold a special place in my heart.

Never Before, Never Again

LAUREN HUNT

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N*ever Before, Never Again.* Never before, and never again will there be a senior class such as mine, which through out all the turmoil has remained on top. Never before, never again will there be a class so dedicated to maintaining good grades; making it their business to learn something new in and out of school everyday. Never Before, Never Again will there be a senior class such as mine. Never before, never again will there be a senior class like the University High School Senior "WHOA" Class Of 2004. Thanks to all the teachers who dedicated themselves to pushing the class of 2004 to their maximum, for giving us encouraging words when others did nothing but doubt us. Thanks to Mommy I love you, Aunt Vanessa for being my backbone and loving me unconditionally, Aunt Bobby for always having an open ear and open heart, My Grandparents for being there when I needed you most! Most importantly thanks to my friends who were always there for me when I needed them, as I was for them. My Best Friends, Tia (Grandpa), Shakera, Kia, Marcus, Ashlee, and Taliya, y'all will always hold a special place in my heart. My Peoples, Grandpa Crew (Crystal, Khia), Tamale Calinte/Frio, Shanese, Tiffany, EBG, Vanessa, LiL Sha, Munch, Brian, Chaz, Austin, Love ya'll. *Never Before, Never Again*, UHS SENIOR "WHOA" CLASS OF 2004!

ASHLEE JOHNSON

I waited for this moment to come and it came faster than I thought. First, I want to thank my family and my very best friend, my mother, I Love You, without you I wouldn't have the strength to complete these years. I would also like to thank God because when times were hard I managed to get through. To my best friend Taliya, who would think we would become this tight. I love and support you 100% so keep doing your one, two thang. Mono, we came this far and will continue our journey so always remember I love you and place yourself on a pedestal. Tah, my #1 gangsta since seventh grade, we have memories for years. You always been there for me and I know I can count on you for anything. I will always be there for you. Last, but not least, my best friend/ lil big brother munch, what would I be without you. We been through everything and managed to stick together no matter what. I love you and appreciate your friendship more than anything else in this world. Shout outs to Lauren, Marcus, Jasmine, Asia, Zaraina, my tutor Treasure, Charles and Austin, I love you and anybody else I forgot, Good Luck. **Never Before Never Again** has there been an Ashlee like me; I am often imitated but never duplicated. HOLLA!



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SHANESE JONES

God, I would like to thank you for thinking enough of me to bring me this far, despite of my mess. These past years have been rough, but you have kept me covered in your blood through it all. I love you and bless your name for all that you have done and been in my life. To my parents, thank you for the many sacrifices you made to provide me with the best. Thank you for shaping me into the beautiful young lady I am today. To my family and Aunt Nikki, thank you for being there for me and putting up with me. To my godmother, Rev. Natasha, thank you for everything, you have truly been a blessing in my life; you are my angel in disguise. To my god sisters/brother, Kia, Tiff, Rech, Arie, Mike, and Maurice: thank you for everything you all have been to me. I love y'all with all my heart.

To my daughter and son, Khandice and Kellye: thank you for the joy and laughter you brought to my life. To Sheerah, Shieedah, Shanikah, Ebony: thank you for being my backbone, I love y'all so much. Cat Eyes I'll always be your bodyguard. To my other friends who I could not name, and my teachers: thank you all for making my experience at University one that has **Never been Before** and will **Never be Again**.



SHANIKAH JONES

First, I would like to thank my creator for bringing me into existence and blessing me with a mother who has devoted herself to me and a family who has supported me all the way. I love you! **Never before, Never again** will I be able to summarize my 6 years at University using only two hundred words and already, I wasted too many. Tasha, you are my real life sister and best friend. It's been 11 years of joy. I love you! Eba and Heatherah, 10 years of friendship really paid off. Thanks for being the best friends one could have. Love you. Tiff and mama Nese, you two have been an inspiration to me and I love you for that. Shout outs: Shanika Shishytta, Anya, Lisa, White, Mina, Audrey, Tiffany H., Dudah, Lil' Bug, Judith, Tangee, Tajah, Nakiyah, Yaz, Leah, Tylice, Tawanda, Tiyah, Sheryl, Josh, Phil, Charles, Umumar, Chaz, Damir, Ayoola, Austin, Paco, Carlton, Jahlil, Mookie and Derrick I love y'all. To my Boobi thanks for showing me what true love really feels like. I'll always love you! Recognition to all teachers for pushing me towards the future, thanks! Haters thanks for hating look at me now! Last, I would like to thank myself for being strong and keeping the right frame of mind. Those I missed don't hate my heart hate my mind.... R.I.P. Jameel "Fatty Meel" Khan shine in heaven...



TALIYA KING

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What's up to the class of 2004! First I like to thank God for letting me survive through the hardships I've been through. I would like to thank my parents for raising me with a good head on my shoulders. I've never been in any serious trouble due to my up bringing and I'm truly blessed to have them. I want to thank my grandma for being there when I needed her, without her I probably would have missed a lot of activities. I thank my best friend Ashlee for being there when I needed her more than enough times. I love you like a sister, thanks! Lawrence you're a good friend even though you speak too freely for my comfort. Vanessa you have proven to be a good friend. You might not have noticed but your sense of humor has helped me through a lot of sad days. Taahirah I can't say much but you are a good friend. Keep the attitude you have and you'll get far. Shout outs to my Aces Lauren and Marcus. Last but not least, to my shorty, Will. You have shown me another side of life and kept me calm and happy on days no one understood me. When I'm with you, you bring out the side of me I'm scared to show and words can't express how much I appreciate you, thanks.



TREASURE KITCHEN

Was there ever a class like the class of two thousand-four? Will there ever be a class that comes close in comparison? The answer to these questions is Never Before, and Never Again. First and foremost, I truly thank God because through Him all things are possible. He has blessed me with many wonderful opportunities, getting into University being one. I would like to thank my mother and my aunt. Mommy, you let me know that I am capable of doing whatever I set my mind to. Auntie, you were there when no one else was. You both are my inspiration to never give up. I Love Y'all. I also would like to thank the rest of my family for also helping me along the way.

"Friends, like flowers, are picked specially by hand"

My Dera, Latoya, Bestfriend, Pooky, Jazz, and Charly, you guys are truly special people. You all are the ones who pushed me to challenge myself. I Love Y'all. To my sisters Toya and Sharon, we finally made it. To Harvey, thanks for being there when I needed you. Thank you Mrs. Siroy, Mrs. Gironda, Mr. Bleah, and Ms. Tierney.

To the class of two thousand-four, Congratulations and Good Luck in the future. Never Before, Never Again will there be a class that was able to rise above all the negativity and blossom into something positive.



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DEBORAH KOTEI

Never Before, Never Again will my footprints be far from that of the Messiah. To Dinah, thanks, you are a friend and mother in one, but really, lighten up on the motherly part. To Lee, thanks to you, I am nowhere close to making that kind of mistake this year. To Lix, you'll always have a place in my heart. You are the best friend I almost didn't have. No matter what happens, I'll never forsake you. To Vic and Nic, Never Before have I had cousins like you, and Nic keep up the good work; "OYE-SE-K-E".

Ms. Hewett, you are the best, you made University bearable. Mrs. Gironda, don't sweat about the intercom, that has yet to stop you from teaching anyhow, and always remember, you have survived twelve principals. Sequins Camille Debose, you are and have always been in a world of your own. You are not half bad. Never again will I hesitate to befriend one like you. To Mr. Husein and Mrs. Siroy, math was interesting; Never Again will there be a class like mine. Mrs. White, thanks, I couldn't have made that 4 without you. And to Mr. A, don't forget about my dollar.

To mom and dad, love you to death, just as you let the other fly on their own, you must let me do the same.



RAHEEM LAWHORN



Never again will I have to worry about missing the bus, missing school, and missing my math homework. But Never Before will this be the beginning of a new life for me.

I would like to thank my family for all the love and support that you have given to me. My friends deserve to be mentioned by name, but I am up against a deadline. You know who you are, 'nuff said.

To my teachers, I thank you for working with me as diligently as you have. I should have attended more regularly, but . . . No Excuses.

To the Class of 2004 Good Luck, and see you at our first reunion.

MARQUITA LEONARD

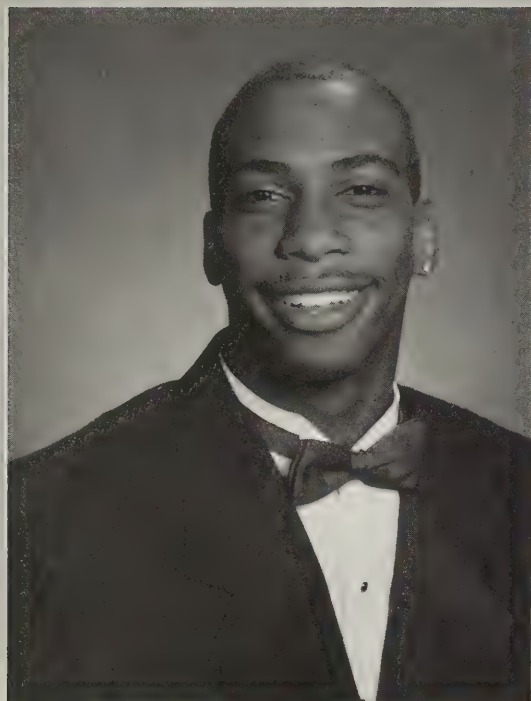
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Never Before and Never Again will I experience all that I have been through in my high school years (all 6 of them!) they will truly be remembered. First of all, I would like to give thanks to the creator, God, for without Him I don't know where I would be. Next, I would like to give thanks to my parents for putting up with all my nonsense when they didn't have to-I love you. To my family, I love you. To my second family, Asia, Jiny, Tiffany, Taliah, Shonda, Nadirah, Eric W, Sheniece L, and Andre, thank you for turning my bad days into great ones, and sometimes making my good days into bad ones, but turning them back to great ones again. To the class of 2004, stay true; always remember that the only time you fail is when you do not try!

Never Before and Never Again will I feel as close to teachers as I do now. Thank you to all of the teachers I had (since the seventh grade). Special thanks to Mrs. Gironda, Ms. Turner, Ms. Hewitt, Mr. Alexander, Dr. Rahimi, Ms. Melvin, Ms. Rojy, Dr. Noble, Ms. Alvarez, Mrs. Rivera, and Mrs. Howard-you all made my years great!! I will see you soon. By then I will be a psychiatrist and an entrepreneur so I can help the school out with some money.

MARCUS LEWIS



*N*ever again will I have to worry about missing the bus, missing school, and missing my homework, or an important deadline. But *Never Before* will this be the beginning of a new life for me.

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To the Class of 2004 Good Luck, and see you at our first reunion.

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SHANEICE LEWIS

*N*ever again will I have to worry about missing the bus, missing school, and missing my homework, or an important deadline. But *Never Before* will this be the beginning of a new life for me.

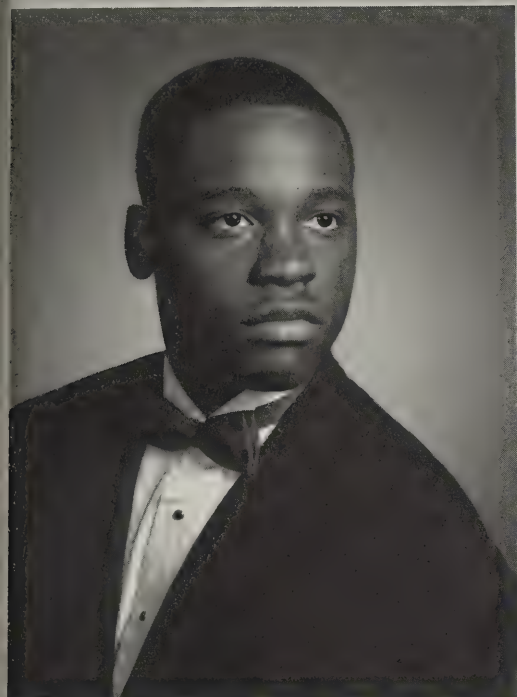
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To the Class of 2004 Good Luck, and see you at our first reunion.



REGINALD LOUISSAINT



Never again will I have to worry about missing the bus, missing school, and missing my homework or important deadlines. But *Never Before* will this be the beginning of a new life for me.

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To the Class of 2004 Good Luck, and see you at our first reunion.

CARMEN LUNA

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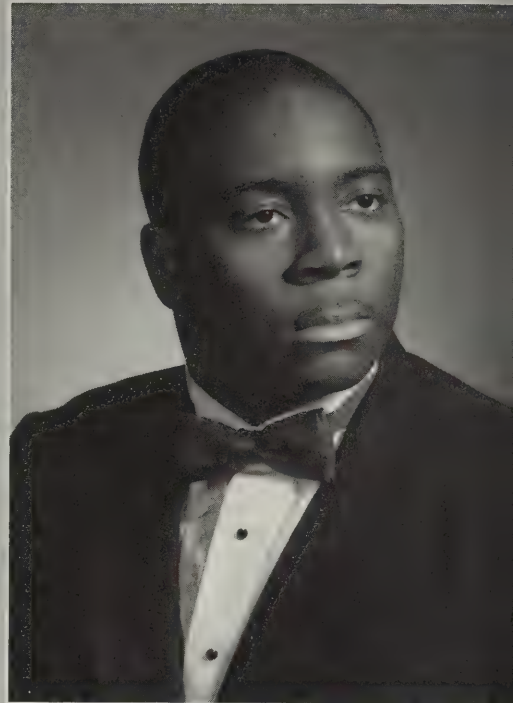
The class of 2004, we are finally graduating. It feels as if it has been more than four years that we have been waiting for this year. Many things have happened that have made us the class that surpasses all the others. Never before, never again will anyone see a class like the class of 2004!

First, of all things I want to thank God, without him I wouldn't be in this world. Secondly, I want to thank the people who helped me get through my four years of high school. These four years have been rough for me, but I have gotten through them. Many people tried to put me down, but I stayed up with the help of Ms. Rivera. She has been there for me through a lot and I want to thank her for the support. I also want to thank *Las Leidys*, you have been there for me through thick and thin, *I Love Y'all*. I cannot forget about Mrs. Gironde, she has made me see classes through a whole different lens, and prepared me for the future *Thank You*. To my parents and sister Lissette, thank you for your support and always being there for me. Can't forget about my brothers: José, my companion. Remember, we are "married through the mind."



JONATHAN LYTHUS

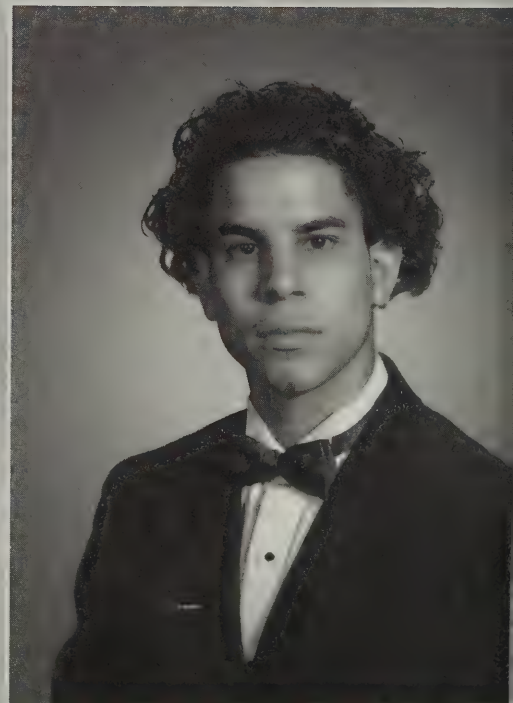
I'm glad to be a member of the senior class of 2004. The class of *Never Before, Never Again* (also known as whoa) is a class of excellence. There will never be another class like us to graduate as though we were a family. We are the best and nothing less. There are several people in my life that I can give thanks for sticking with me all the way. First off, I would like to thank God for helping me with the rough and bad times I encountered in my life. Next would be my grandmother, my parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, and my nieces. It is because of these people who made sure I was sheltered, studied, and stood by with God for strength. Next would be my friends in and out of school who stood by and reminisced about the good times and bad. These guys are Eligio Ramos, Devin Williams, Andre Rawlins, Christian Callahan, Marcus Lewis, Little Eric Webster, big Eric Webster, and Sharaan Giles. They also helped me have respect and never forget the culture and where I came from. The only one who can fit this category with respect is mon frere Haitian, Reginald Louissaint. Lastly, I would like to thank the teachers and staff who supported me from 7th to the present grades in this school. Class of 2004, let's succeed in life.



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JOSE MARRERO

Never again, never before, has anything in my life had such a great impact on me. Six years ago I came into University High School as a clean slate ready to take on the plethora of academic experiences. I find myself in the year 2004 a senior who has made drastic changes and has grown into a better person. I give all praises to my mother who has shown me and guided me into a positive direction as well as all of my family. I also would like to thank Travis F., a friend who has grown into a brother; we have surpassed the tempest of dilemmas, as well as Carmen. To Vanessa Cruz, a woman who has allowed me to grow into a better person no matter what problems have occurred, with no doubts ...my love. To friends I have made throughout the years. I would also like to thank all of my teachers for giving me a chance to be a better and more intellectual person, for mental stimulation. If I were ever a lost bark, University High School has been my guiding star, *never before, never again.*



VANESSA MARTINEZ

First and foremost, I want to thank God for giving me the patience to survive in this school for 6 years. To my mother: I would need this entire book to tell you how much I love you and appreciate everything you've ever done for me. There are not enough thank yous in the world to express my gratitude for you. I love you mommy. To my friends: Taliya—Even though we haven't been close long, you've proved to be true. Ashlee: I don't know what I'll do without you. Despite all the drama and rumors we survived, we still held it together. I love you. Tah: In the time we been friends, you've done stuff for me I knew no one else would. Most friends are not true like you. I love you. Munch: I may say I hate you and we may argue everyday but I wouldn't be able to function without you. I love you. To Rasheeda and Sean: Two of the few people that held me down. I love y'all. To my sister Mari, we've been through everything together and it's funny how you've managed to become my very best friend in the end. I love you. To Phil, Charles, Jasmine, Lauren, EBG, Tiff, Shanese, Khandice Thanks for High school. *Never Before* was there a class like us, and there *Never again* will be!



NICOLE MCQUEEN

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Never before and never again will a class be like this one. Finally, I can accelerate and move on to a college from a school that I've been in for six long years. Many people have come and left throughout the years and I am thankful for meeting so many different people with multiple personalities. Thank you God for allowing me to succeed in school and for blessing me in life. I praise my mother for being there for me all the time and my little sister. I want to shout out my cousin in University, Latoya. I want to shout out my friends Maggie, Desiree, Kia, Jasmine, Toya, Charline, Indera, Treasure and Brian for all the good times we had acting stupid and crazy together. Also, Lance and Reginald for all their color and fat jokes. I want to shout out my aunties Ms. Blackman and Ms. Irving for being so nice and sweet. I thank Ms. Gironda for being Guidance number two and for caring so much about getting her students into college. To my favorite teachers Mr. Bleah, Mr. Arnold, and Mr. Bomze. To my sweetheart, Wali, because you work so hard, you motivate me. I love everybody who loves me, and on that note, *Never Before and Definitely Never Again*. I wish everybody good luck in their future.



NADIRAH MELVIN

I want to thank God; without him, I do not know where I will be. I would like to thank my *parents* for everything they had given me; they sacrifice a lot just for me, and for putting up with my nonsense when it was not necessary. I Love You and Thank You. I would like to thank my teachers for pushing me to the limit to achieve. I would like to thank my associates for making this a fun and challenging year. *Never Before*, had I experienced what I have this year; *Never Again*, will I repeat what I did this year.



94 TANGANIYKA MITCHELL

Listen,

I would like to thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To my guardian angel, Daddy I finally made it. You've stayed with me and now I've accomplished one of my goals. This is for you. To Grandma and Dee, I appreciate everything you've done for me. I love y'all with all my heart. To my peeps Sheerah, Paco, E.B.G, Nikah, Mookie, Joshey, Phil, Jalil, and Cat Eye I'll never forget y'all. Shieedah I'll never forget our long conversation, I'll miss you. Special shouts to Ashley A&B, Charles, Mo, Nasia, Tina, Tash, Lisa, Chad, Ola, Tiff, Shanese, Erin, Nikki, Sasha and Anya I'm glad God gave me the pleasure of meeting y'all. To my Big Bro and Sis, Fat-Boy and Bo-Bo, there will never be anyone to fulfill the spots that y'all have in my heart. I love y'all so much. Fat Boy I'll be watching front-line in the bleachers. Bo-Bo don't ever stop being you because even though we come from two different places, God found away to bring us together. To my Boo, you know who you are by the time this is read things will be finalized. Much Love. T- Dog there's no words that can describe how you've help me throughout my years. I am proud to say that we've grownup to become young adults and know that with endings come new beginnings. Never



TIFFANY MORANT

Lord, I thank you for giving me life and keeping me focused because you know there were times I fell short of your blessings. To Aunt Ann and Uncle Steve, I thank y'all for raising me into the young woman I am today. To my family that was there every step, thank you. Thanks Rev. Natasha for your support, testimonies, and guidance. Without them I would be a completely different person! To my sisters/ best friends, Shanikah, Shanese, Rasheerah, Shieedah, Anya, Elisa, Natasha, Amina, Tangee, Nakiyah, Tyrecha, Arielle, and Sequins words can't express my gratitude and appreciation for y'all being there for me. Ebony, even though we had our ups and downs, thanks for the good times, I'll never forget them. I love you. To my "niece" Khandice, stay sweet and beautiful. Shout Outs: Ashley, Taliah, Audrey, Kellye, Rukiyah, Ola, Vanessa, Lauren, Batman, Josh, Phil, Barlton, Damir, Charles, Chaz, Austin, Pac, Mookie, Jalil, Ummar, Ayoola, Underclassmen, and Cut Creators Enterprise. To the class of 2004, we finally made it through all the drama! Aunt Nikki, Mrs. DeV Vaughn, Mrs. Muhammad, Mrs. James, Mrs. Hewitt, and Dr. Noble, I thank y'all for believing in me and staying on top of me. Finally, Jameel "Fatty Meel" Khan thanks for being a big brother and for the "small talks," I cherish them the most. You are truly missed, but *never* forgotten. R.I.P.

Never Before, Never Again will you see a class like ours!



ANTOINETTE MORGANO

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Never Before, Never Again. Thanks too all who helped, encouraged, and brought me a smile during my four years at University. First, I would like to thank my parents because through the many struggles, we overcame each one with a breeze of strength. To all of University's staff members; especially my teachers who believed in my work and me. Also Mr. McNair, Mr. Leon, coaches Callahan and Baraka.

To my home girls, Olamiji, Sheera, my darling CeCe, Ashlee's A-J, Asia (my first boo), Rainy, to my Khandy stay true to the Jamaican life. Also Lisa, Nika, EBG, Tiff, Tash, Kells, and Shanese—stay sweet and strong. To Audrey, Tange, Mo, and Tina—stay strong and out of trouble. Last, but definitely not least Jasmine; and big ups to everyone I forgot.

To my homies - Carlton, Chaz, Charles, Austin, Fro, Phil, Ummar. To my lost brother Mack, you will always be my brother, I love you son. To my other brother, Ayoola, stay up my homey, there's a lot of life left.

In leaving my mark, I say peace to all who wish to follow this act of success. Take pride in the Maroon and Grey. Lastly, I would like to say success is a key; and it opens many doors of opportunity, but if you lose it then you'll be stuck on a path of troubles.



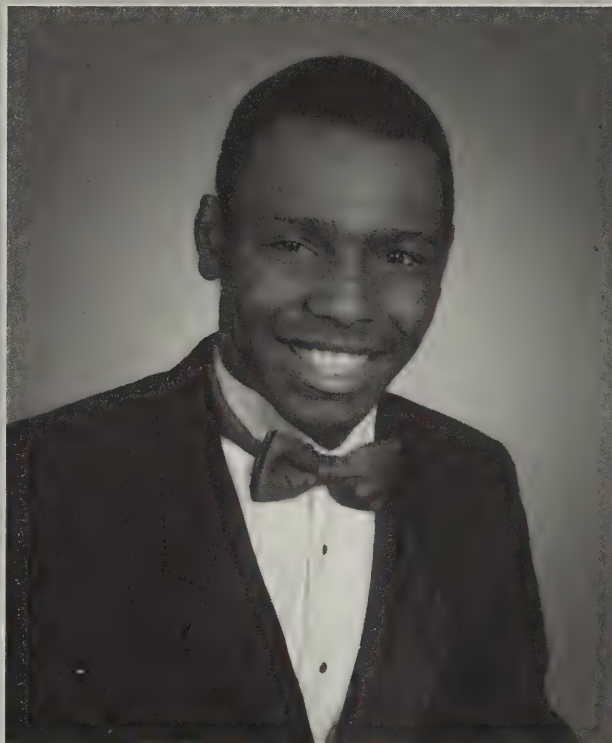
JABIR MOSLEY

Never again will I have to worry about missing the bus, missing school, and missing my homework, or an important deadline. But *Never Before* will this be the beginning of a new life for me.

I would like to thank my family for all the love and support that you have given to me. My friends deserve to be mentioned by name, but I am up against a deadline. You know who you are, 'nuff said.

I have been just a short while, but I would like to thank my teachers, for working with me as diligently as you have. It's my first year here, but ... No Excuses.

To the Class of 2004 Good Luck, and see you at our first reunion.

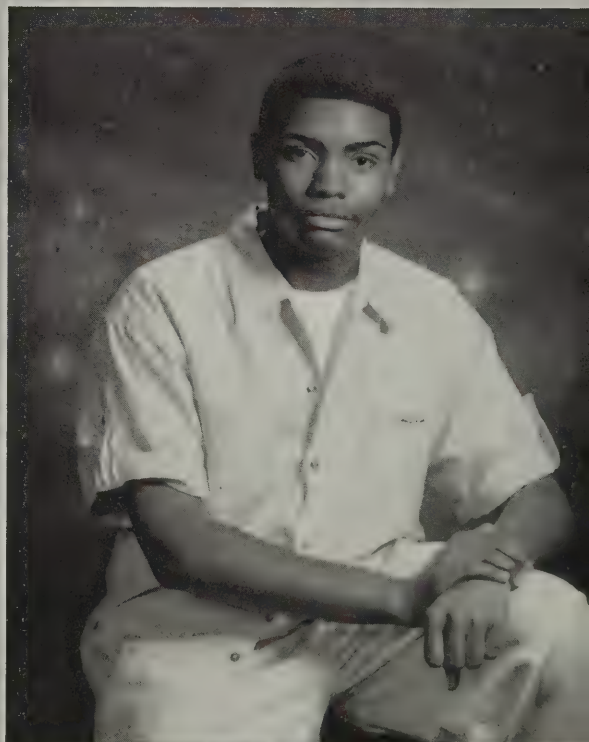


96 LAWRENCE MOSS-SHORTER

In order to have a firm Foundation, I must use the bricks others have thrown at me."

First, I'd like to thank God for giving me the strength to make it through 6 yrs. First it was a struggle but ended up as the best years of my life. My parents instilled in me morals and standards that have continue to help me survive. I love you. The C/O 04 has seen a lot of objection, conflict, and definite problems, yet through it all we stand as a united body. I would like to give a major shout out to my best friends. Ashlee- You are the reason for my being. I truly appreciate the tears, laughs, mean voices, and bus rides in previous summers. Vanessa- You are a beautiful, strong Latino and you truly don't know your strengths. Tah- The original Gangsta, Your presence I enjoy the most. Whenever we're together the laughs never stop. Taliya, you too know how to make me crack a smile. To you all good luck, I know that we will survive if we made it through with most staff and peers hating us. Shouts to; Michael J, Sheeda, Asia, Ash Belser, Amiee, Lexis, Carlotta, Dirty, Reek, Ash A., and Charles. To friends I have lost along the way; Good Luck!

"Never before, Never again will there be such a class to touch Uni as we....."



INDERA NERO

For six years, I dreamed of this day and now that the time has come I do not know where to begin. I guess I'll start by thanking my superiors, my mother and God, because without their blessings I would not have been able to become the incredible person I am now. Thank you, Mommy, for encouraging me to never give up even when I felt like I was being defeated. *I Love you.* I would like to thank Dexter for his support and for being the father I never had. Even though I do not say it, I do *love you.* I would also like to thank my beloved grandmother for watching over me. To the rest of my family: Defah, Toya, Quaj, Ray-Ray, and Rooky *love you all.* *Never before, never again* would I ever meet the craziest but most of friends: Jazz, My Toya, My Treasury, Maggie, Pooky, and Charley. I would like to thank you all for encouraging me to accept all challenges without fear. *Thanks and love you all.* I would like to shout out my mentee, Khandice and favorite teacher, Mr. Husain. I cannot forget about my Dip Set, Brian. One day I would show you that you cannot beat me but until then, keep on thinking you could.

Never before, never again will there be a class like the class of 2004



AUSTIN OKEREKE

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Yo, first I would like to thank God for keeping me alive and safe these past years, I feel blessed to be here since so many of my people fell off since the beginning. I want to thank Mr. Leon for giving a brother a chance regardless of his skin color. Special thanks to all those faculty members who saw my potential and inspired me to bring it out, Mr. Arnold, Ms. Schiele, Ms. Mackmon, Ms. Heyl, and Mr. Velasquez. I want to give a shout out to my dude chic, You've been my boy since freshmen year, through thick and thin, but its only the beginning, no one else can truly be called my best friend. Big up to the varsity squad, Valdez, Rah, C, Eric, Woo, Chad, Cat, Quan, Raz and Mike, the whole team, one luv, its been fun. Big up to all my peoples that made me feel welcome when I came, your comfort toward me is greatly appreciated: fellas - Cat, Josh, Ayoola, Mook, Mack, Charles, Paco, Jose, Jhalil, Fro, and the Twins; and Ladies Shieedah, Yas, Amina, Chanel, Audrey, Sheerah, EBG, Giff, Shanese, Ashlee J. and B, Ashley A., Ola, Lauren, Mo, Khandice, Tina, Kellye, Sequins, Jaz, Asia, Zaraina, Judith, Tangee, Yvette, Shanikah, and the whole class of 2004. *Never before, Never again.* God Bless and I hope all of you accomplish your goals. Get at ya boy!



KIA OLIVER



All love and appreciation goes to the one and only Lord above for creating me and giving me the strength to get through my bad times. I would like to say thank you to UHS for the education and support. To my parents, especially my mother, Daisy, for always supporting me in my talents and dreams. Rest in Peace, to my new guardian angel, my sister Kim. To my friends at UHS, I love you all and I wish the best for you. Much love goes to Ms. Schiele for comforting me in my time of need. To Ms. Turner for keeping me in check when it came to singing. To my peoples, I hang out with everyday, Jiny, Asia, Talia, Marquita, and Tiffany, each of you are like family to me and I appreciate that. To Jiny, for always telling me right from wrong. To Asia for being my best friend. To Talia for taking up for me when no one would. To Marquita for always making jokes when everyone else was in a bad mood. Last but not least, my girl, Tiffany, we went through a lot, but still manage to be close. Thank you for always being there from 9th thru 12th grade. I promise to keep in touch with all of you. My final words to the class of 2004, Congratulations!! We did it!!

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LATOYA PAIGE

As I leave University, I look back and remember the past six years. I went from a 7th grader in 1998 to a graduating senior in 2004. One chapter of my life is ending but a new one is beginning. First of all I would like to thank God because without him none of this would be possible. Second, I would like to thank my mother for being there for me and for all of her prayers, I love you. To my daddy, my sister Tynetta, and brother Kobe thanks y'all. Thanks to my whole family. To some of my closest friends Danielle, Shaneice, Yvette thank y'all for all the good times and all the laughs, I'll miss y'all. To a very special friend Marcus thank you for being there for me I'll always love you. To some teachers who inspired me along the way, Ms. Turner, Ms. Schiele, Ms. Hewett, Dr. Rahimi, and Ms. DeVaughn, thank you all. Arthur and Travara my church buddies, thank y'all for being there for me when I needed you. To all my friends and even my enemies thank y'all for making me stronger. To the class of 2004 *Never Before, Never Again* has there ever been or will ever be a class like us.



LASHONDA PASKER



Seniors, we made it, our time has finally come. We started off as a crowd and finished off as one. I will never forget the good, the bad times we all had, including the drama. But the best is yet to come...

We became known as WHOA and that will lead us. In the future we'll all be Wise, Honest, Ongoing Achievers...

To my best of friends, Aquila, Nicole, Selicia, Kera, Lauryn, Marcus, and Tia. To Ms. James, for being a good advisor, and Ms. Muhammed for being a good problem solver. To Ms. Gironda and everyone who helped prepare me for the "Future".

Most importantly, my family, what's up The Olivers. I would like to thank my Mommy and Daddy for making sure they provide me the best. Mom, you are my angel. You've molded me into a young lady and you made me strong. To my grandma your presence will forever be remembered and missed...

To my brothers, sister, my aunties, uncles and cousins, I promise I will never let you down. To my nieces and nephews, I will continue to be a positive role model for you all because I want your talents and success to be known. Even though you can be little terrors you are my little stars... And to the c/o 2004 I wish you all success...

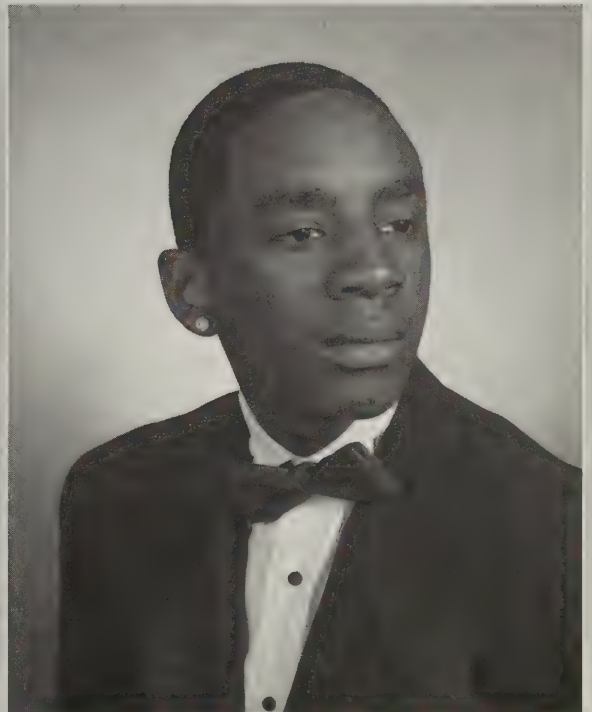
Never Before ... Never Again a class like 2004

WILLIAM PERRY

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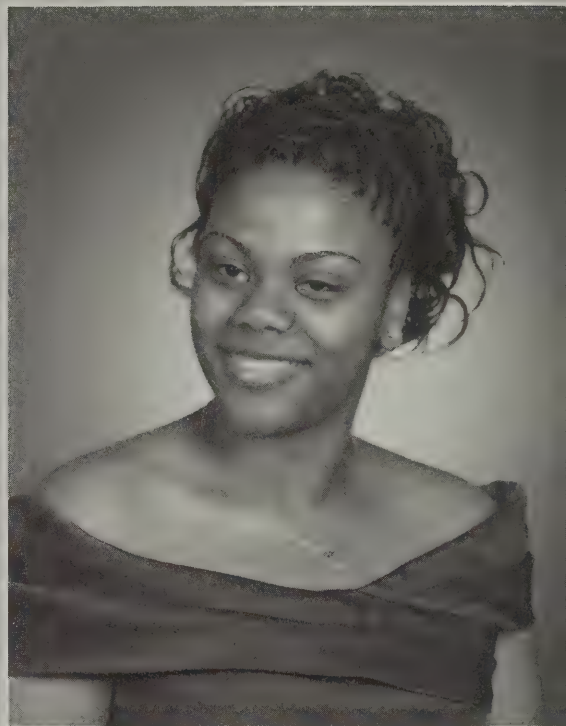
My years at UHS were mostly good. In my mind, I have always known that I would graduate. Some times I look back and think about elementary school, the time has gone so fast. Now I realize it's time for me to make something of myself. I'm going to the army. I want to thank my mother for supporting me, telling me to do the right thing and keeping clothes on my back. I would like to thank my dad for telling me right from wrong. I would like to thank God for my grandmother who has passed on, my Aunt Carol for *always* making sure I do the right thing. If it wasn't for her, I don't know where I would be. Thank you Mrs. Muhammad and Mrs. Gray for keeping me on my feet and making sure I did my work. A shout out to my boy, Jahlil, who I've know from "then to the end." Lamar and Josh, thanks for looking out.

Peace!



NICOLE PICKETT

First off I would like to give God my Lord and Savior all the praises which He deserves. God you have continued to bless me and keep me. You have put specific people in my life for a reason. I thank God for giving me an aunt who sacrifices for me when no else does. Auntie you have always been there for me through all that I have put you through. Second I would like to thank my sister for always pushing me to do better. I also thank God for sending me Antione. Baby you are everything to me, you have helped me through so much and I love you for that. Also I would like to give big ups to Lechelle and Britney. It is a blessing to know that you have true friends. Lechelle you know we been through a lot, but in it all we have grown together in Christ. Brit you remind me of myself in so many ways and I hope that your dreams will come true. I would also like to thank my Clear View family for teaching me that only with the help of God I can do what is meant to be done. So to end I aint never been here before and will never be here again.



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YVETTE POMPIUS

I entered University unaware of what would happen. Never before have I felt the bonds of friendships so strong. Four years seems like such a long time, yet it flew by so fast. I got so used to seeing your faces everyday and now it must come to an end. Parting is hard to do, but among other things inevitable; it's too bad cause I thought we were inseparable. I'm confused because I don't know if I should laugh or cry, or if I'm happy or sad. Just thinking of the end gives me mixed feelings. If I could start over, I'd do things differently, so that no time of ours would've been wasted. **Never again** will I get so close to people, when I know we must go our separate ways. C/O *2004* CONGRATULATIONS

I'm leaving a lot behind me, but I always have someone to count on. My family has truly gotten me through a lot. Mommy & Daddy always there to comfort me. Gert & Serge always there for a laugh, Yolette and Lisa always there for big adventures. I'm grateful for the family God has sent me. Y'all hold the faces I see last each night, and first every morning. You all helped me a lot, and *I Love You Severely*.

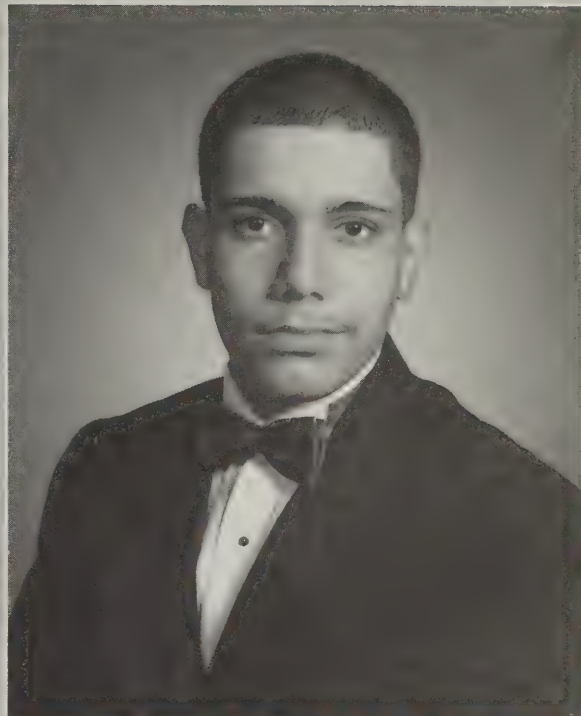
Wilkens you next.

Much love to *all* my family.



ELIGIO RAMOS

There has never been a class like the c/o2004 and I can guarantee there will never be another. The statement **Never Before, Never Again** says it all. I am so glad I decided to come to University High in the seventh grade and even happier that I stayed here and made it through the six years. I have seen some of my best friends try and fail to keep up with this school, but they are all proud that I have stepped up to the challenge that is University High School. First, I want to thank God for giving me the strength to succeed in a fast paced learning environment. Then, thanks to my parents who were always there and always supported me even when I did "stuff." I also want to give a shout out to all the fallen soldiers that didn't make it through the hard times here. Also to all my boys and mamies that did make it. In this school, I've made my transformation from an immature little boy into an immature man. Seriously though, without University, I would probably still be wearing tight pants and just one X tee shirt. My teachers may not really like me but *will* miss me. However, I am thankful for everything University has given me and for that I leave this school proud to be part of the **CLASS OF 2004!**



RUKAIYAH RATCHFORD

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Glory to God who is the head of my life for giving me the knowledge, spiritually and school wise. Without you, there is no success. Mommy, I thank you for everything that you have done for me. You are the only person who has ever been there when I needed you the most. Without your support, I would be nothing. Keith (Daddy), I thank you for taking on the responsibility twelve years ago with helping my mother raise me. To Nana, Daddy, Lala - now I have a future, thank you for loving me. Keith, Jazz, Makia, and Ashy—your day will soon be here and I expect you to be more successful. Asia my heart, we have finally made it. Now we can do things our way. Thank you for always being there for me no matter the time or the consequence. You are my right leg and without you I could not stand.

Ola, you are truly beautiful. To my three grandpas—GO grandpa. Sheerah, Nese, Anya, and Kellye—my True Friends. Thank you Ernest for being by my side these last two years. I have put you through so much. Because you are still here, makes me love you even more. Shatira you are the best. Nakia, Tierra, Tasha, Iman, Lilah, AC—all love.

Never before has a class like us existed, never again will one be seen.



ANDRE RAWLINS

Never Before, Never Again will anyone take our places at UHS.

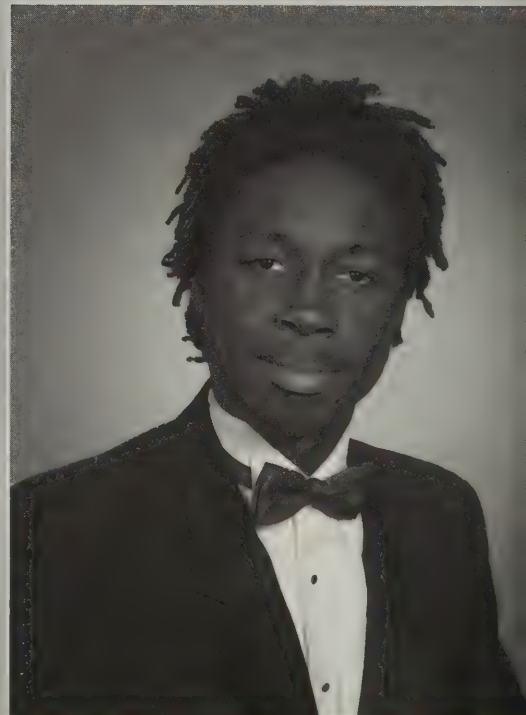
I would like to thank God for putting me on Earth with a purpose. Without him, I wouldn't have the strength to make it this far in life. To my parents Janett and Rawlf, thank you for taking care of me and supporting me as a student as well as your child. You took excellent care of me and now it is my turn to return the favor when I become successful. To my Black and Gold Soldiers, Fro-Weezy, TwIn and TwIIIn, even though we didn't make the playoffs this year, I love y'all like my second family. To my boys, Damir and Carlton, it's been six long hardworking years and I wish you the best of luck in your rapping career and basketball. To Marquita L., I will never forget about you. You are my very first crush and true friend. I love you. To Asia, you are like family to me; you always have been there for me. To Mookie, Chaz, Phillip, Sharaan, Cat-Eyes, Marcus, Eligio and Jose for being humorous during the years. To Mom, Ms. Hewett, Mr. Welsch, Mr. Bleah, Ms. Alvarez, Mr. V and Ms. Howard for being excellent teachers. To Ms. James for loving her babies since the 9th grade. Now we are the graduating Class of 2004.



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LANCE ROSS

Life is a game; everyone plays to win. Personally, I believe I have won, but my game was not one of a solo career, I played the game with many partners. My "go to guys" include my boy Reg aka "I can not resist women." My other boys include Raheem aka "I come to school when I want to," Christian aka "I cannot take off my headband," Nashid aka "I need a slimfast," Rashaun aka "I won't go to school to save my life," Darnell Aka "I am oblivious to life," Jarell "aka "genetically blessed", Lord aka "I am soon pretty," Charles aka "I am so pretty I buy might my right size jeans," Andrew aka "I think I am so strong" and, how could I forget my best female friends, Toya aka "My G.P.A is a 5.10" and A.B #1 and A.B # 2 aka "I am so violent" and last but not least Nikki aka "I need medication." I would also like to extend my gratitude to all my teachers, Rahimi, Husain, Kiraly, Rojy, Gironda, and Fabrizio. I would also like to thank all family and those who influenced me positively throughout life. P. S if I did not include you I probably forgot or left you out on purpose.



MENELIK RUTTY

Dear UHS Senior Associates, In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, One God. Finally, we're out of here. For all those who know me I'm the one who realizes and addresses the problems of society. Unfortunately, to certain people I was ignored and this caused several arguments. Even though, I somewhat enjoyed my time here since the eighth grade. *Never before* have I met such a unique class of young adults. Some funny, some serious, some ambivalent, some who have apathy, some very carnal minded, being controlled by their Id, and some who kept smiling no matter what. I thank Mrs. Gironda for giving me a reason for coming to school and to drink and get drunk from the wine of knowledge. To Ms. James, and to all the other teachers, thanks for everything. Hopefully, I encouraged some of you to research your spirituality and to praise God 24/7.

Thank you, and God bless.

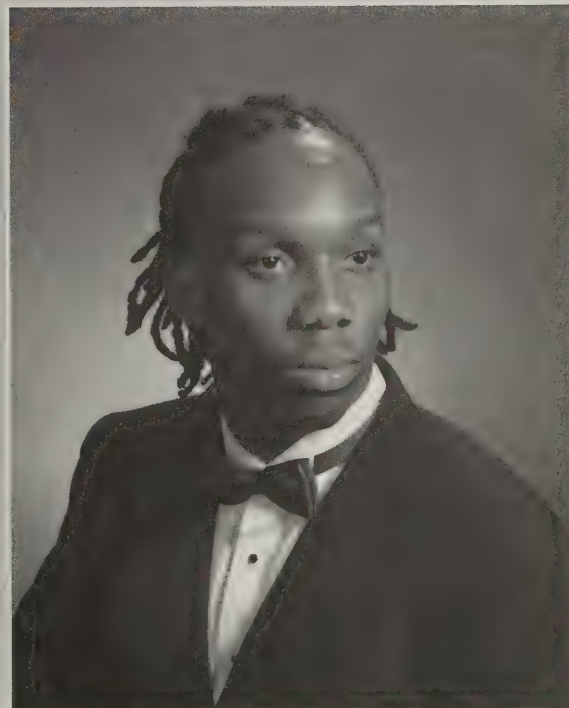
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CHIAZ SEAY

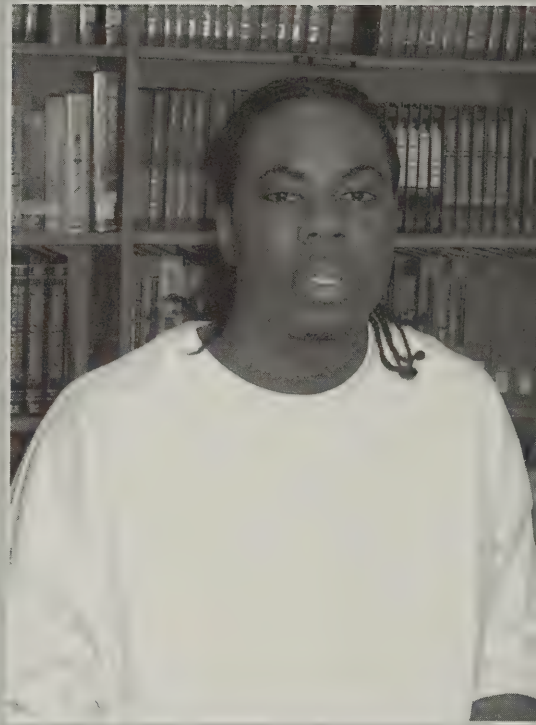
First of all I want to thank God for covering me with his blood my whole life. I also want to thank my mother, my father and Je'Vae for being there for me. I want to shout out a few people .Big up to my ace Sparks (my right hand). Shout out to the Basketball team Austin, Carlton, Chad, Phil, Ramel, Eric, Quan, Cat Eyes, Wu, Bobby and the rest of the team. I want to recognize the people who made me feel comfortable when I showed up last year. Monique, Mook, Paco, AsiaS., Ryan, Audrey, Sheerah, Danny, Josh, Lamar, Brian, Brandon, Jahlil, Ebony, Reggie, Mina, Lisa, Ola, Tangee, Ummar, La'Sean, Ayoola, Tia, Anya, Kellye, Judith, Shakira, Jose, Shanikah, Eric, Brittany, Maggie ,Lauren, Shieedah, Ashlee, Ashley, Tiffany, and Shanice. And Asia, even though we had our situation you still have this special shout out. Class '03: Big Darrell, Little Darrell, Shamar, Kareem, Curtis, Antwan, Catrina, Trish, Nadirah, Ootay, ShayB. , Will, Elijah, Jonathan, Tricia, Jennifer, I also want to shout out to some people who play an important part in my life: Reggie Low, Tracey, B.J., Jamie, Najee, Elijah, Mike, Maurice, Tia, GOON squad, Ms.Muhammad, Mr.Leon for giving me a chance, Ras Baraka for showing me importance of being a strong black man, Patrice Sarayah, Cali, Shay, Vince, Mooch, Rev.Tasha, Nelson; things are getting better, Vince Rouse, Mother dear, And RIP Fatty Meel.



JAHILIL SHARIAN

I would like to thank my grandmother, and the rest of my family who have done everything in their power to help me make it this far. Because of all of you, I'm the person I am today and I have a positive outlook on life. I have every intention of becoming successful. I will never forget the teachers at UHS who were there for me. You have helped to make it possible for me to reach higher goals in my life. I also want to thank my boys who held me "down" for four years – Lamar, Josh, Phil, Mooky, Carlton, Chaz, "Cat Man," Umar; and my girls Sheerah, Tiffany, Ebonie, Shaheeda, Tangi, Shanice, Shaniquah and Anya.

Never Before and Never Again, but I will never forget you.



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JASMINE SMITH

I want to thank God and my Mother. Without you, I would have no motive in life. I truly love you and greatly appreciate your presence in my life. Thank You! Then to my father, whom I love with all my heart, thank you for being there and *not being there*. To the rest of my family Eemy, Jumad, Daeron, I love you. Thank you for being there.

Never Before, Never Again will I meet a group of people, who never stop making me smile, even when I didn't want to. *Never before, never again* will I come across a group of people who believed in me when I didn't. So I would like to mention all of my angels: Dera, Ashlee, Toya, my cousin for life Taahirah, Maggie, Shanti, Lawrence, Vanessa, Pookie, Khandice, Treasurey, Ashley, Ryan. And my favorite teachers: Mr. Husain, Dr. Rahimi and Ms. Hewett. Thank You. To my best buddies: Asia and Nashid. To my second family: Ms. Johnson, Ms. Katrina and Quan-Quan. And last, but definitely not least, to my other half, whom I love dearly; Nyya. I want to thank all of you guys who have proven to be my true angels and who have never left my side. For anybody I didn't mention, you still hold a place in my heart.



KELLYE SMITH

First and foremost I want to thank God for blessing and allowing me to attend University High School for the past 6 years.

This has been a challenging experience for me. I also want to thank my mother and grandmother who have stuck by me and pushed me to do my best. I want to thank my family who always stayed behind me and encouraged me. I also want to thank the teachers who believed in me: Ms. DeVaughn, all the gym teachers, Ms. Morlock, the nurse, Ms. Doyle, Mrs. Alvarez, Ms Tieney, and my class advisor Ms. James.

When my journey began in '98, 2004 couldn't come fast enough.

Now just like that, my journey is ending. Soon we will all be moving in different direction to pursue our chosen careers.

To my best friend Denise: You were always there for me when I needed you. Thanks for everything especially being a good friend. I Love You!

To my little brother Joshua, I love you too.

To Rukiayah, Shieedah, Tiffany M., Shanese J., Judith, Phil,

Cateyez, Amina, Kia, Ebony, Desiree, Jessica, Tynesha, Marquita, LaShonda, Ummar, Ashley A, Ashlee B., Lamar, Ayoola, Andrew, Samod, Carlton, Mack, Rasheerah, Shanika, Britteny, Nicole, Lashell, and for anyone I forgot to mention thanks for the good memories and always remember *That Never Before And Never Again* will there be a class like WHOA 2004!



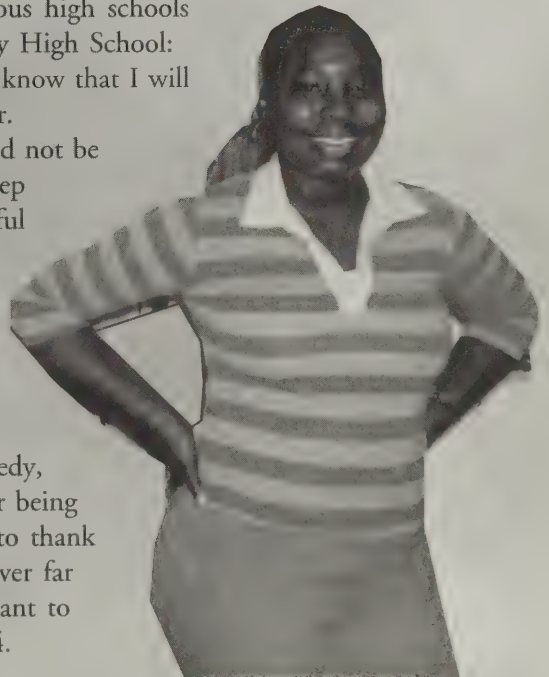
TIFFANY SOBERS

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Never before, Never again will I be able to attend two prestigious high schools Mae's Secondary in Guyana and I am proud to say University High School: Home of the Phoenix. Although I will be here for one year, I know that I will enjoy my stay .I look forward to being made shiny by a Star Polisher.

This page would not be complete without thanking God since I would not be where I am today without his divine blessings. To my parents and step dad, thank you for having confidence in my abilities to be a successful young lady. To my Uncle Wayne, whose confidence and support has also enabled me to succeed. I want to extend heartfelt gratitude to my grandmother, Alma Butters for her patience, guidance and mostly for taking care of me for most of my life. My sister, Tricina deserves praise for her humor that has kept me optimistic even when I was pessimistic.

Next, I wish to thank my teachers from Guyana especially Mrs. Breedy, Mrs. King Cameron, Mr. Chichester and Mrs. Skeete. Thank you for being there especially when I needed guidance and assistance. I also want to thank my best friend Deneica; thanks for being a wonderful friend, even over far distance and congratulations for your own achievements. Finally I want to congratulate all the students at University High School class of 2004.



JOSHUA SPRUIEL

I would like to thank God because without Him nothing is possible. I also thank my mother and father because without their motivation and guidance I would not have made it. They kept me on my feet when I was ready to give up. And thank you for all of the clothes and footwear you bought me. My brother, you were always there for me when no one else was and you showed me a lot, good looking. I thank myself because I put forth the most effort to get where I am at on top of the support from others. To my friends you all were there through my ups and downs and I thank you all. Tarrick, Trey, Curtis, Ish, Jahlil, Lamar, Nafis, Cat-Eyes, Phil, Carlton, Mookie, Paco, Charles, Mack, Austin, Chaz and Ummar. And for the girls Sheerah, Kellye, Dah-Dah, Nese, Tiff, Ebony, Jenn, Lee-Lee (all of them), Ya-Ya, Tash-Tash, Lisa, Neek-Neek, Mina, Tangee, and Drey-Drey. Anyone I forgot you know what's up. To the whole class of 2004, even though I was only here for a short time compared to the six years some of you were here it was a fun and new experience and all of you made me feel accepted. I wish all of you good luck in the future. Keep your head up, Pause. Never before, never again will there be a class like 2004.



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JONTA STEVENS

NEVER BEFORE have I been in a school for 6 years. Nor have I grown to love such a facility to call it my second home. Throughout my years at *University High School*, I understand everyone makes a difference in your life no matter if you're inside or out. For 6 years I participated and I became a gifted person and a role model in staff meetings. I have enjoyed half of my life in a small magnet where everyone noticed and act like themselves. Now it is my time to say goodbye, but before I do, I would like to say thank you to



University High School came to that around you in a matter of if the school years I have in sports such as as well as a the eyes of others. I spending in such an environment, a school one is

my coaches for pushing me to the extreme. I really appreciate everything and thank you for being so patient with me. Shout out to the whole *Class of 2004* for making it this far, we are finally here. Not forgetting my little brothers and sisters that look up to me: you know who you are. It is time for me and my fellow classmates to let go of our childhood and walk over the stage into adulthood, not looking back just reminiscing because I believe we will not have this chance NEVER AGAIN.

Congratulations to the Class of 2004, *W.H.O.A!!!!!!!*



KHANDICE STEWART

Curtains Open...

Life sets obstacles that we are forced to face. There are many who defy the odds. I am one of the many who will. Mommy, where would I be without you? Your love is all I ever need. Jhodie, You are the needle in the haystack, one in a trillion. Keep dancing... Sequins, through everything, you've been a good friend. Roadway is not ready for you. Woosa, like a boot in wet concrete, you have made an impression on me. My admiration and respect for you is limitless. Stay focused and true always. U-Landa, Ashley A, Audrey, Asia, Majeedah, Jene', Jasmine H, Chanel: Thank you for your shoulders when I needed them most. Cat-eyes: Thank you for being yourself. Never change, there is no one like you! Carlton, Charles- I can't control the id, help! Phil- Be Cool. "Auntie" Tiffany "Mudder" Shanese- you are my bodyguards. Bobby, Brian G- Stay genuine. Monique, Kafilat, Tia- I'm never crazy by myself! Jazzyman, Treasure, Charlie, Maggie- Continue in sophistication! Indera- thanks for believing in me. My rapper- Stop Flapping!! Latoya- you know you're my favorite. Never let go of my hand, you're my inspiration. Ms. DeVaughn, Mrs. Gironda- you guys are the Best!

NEVER BEFORE have I made such a decision

NEVER AGAIN will such a decision make me

To the c/o of 2004...Wham. Its ova!!

Curtains close



SHAKERA STOKES

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Six years ago we said hello to a school called University High
 Along the years gaining students and waving others good-bye
 Growing from preteens to mature pre-adults
 Making many mistakes, fixing them, and having positive results
 Realizing that you might not be able to do everything as good as the rest
 Learning that life is hard and all you can do is your best
 Meeting great friends like Lauren, Tia, Yvette, Marcus, and Kia
 People that know you well, while others have no idea.
 Setting long-term goals and future dreams
 Whether it's to be dancers, doctors, lawyers, or on NBA teams
 Now the time has come for us to cross the stage
 Becoming graduates and adults of the new age
 Having to say good-bye to people you known for six years
 How can you not cry at the sight of other people shedding a tear?
 Being frightened that your friends might be gone forever
 You think as though you will see them never
 The thought of leaving high school may make some cheer
 But for some, that thought, they just can't bear
 But we all must go on and start our own lives
 Start looking for our future jogs, husbands and wives
 How many Classes like WHOA at University High has there been?
 None, Never before, Never again!!!



ASIA SYKES

First and foremost, I would like to give thanks to the Creator because without Him, I wouldn't be in existence. I would like to give thanks to my mother who is a living miracle; there is no way I would be able to put up with a teenage daughter and two more bad little girls alone. I love you Mommy! I would like to thank my grandmother for stepping in at times when my father wasn't present in my life. To all my aunts, uncles, and cousins, thank you for being there for me and giving me advice. To Mrs. Girona for teaching me all of those challenging SAT words, thank you for making my senior year fun and positive. To all my close friends: Jiny, Marquita, LaShonda, Tiffany, and Taliah, thank you all for acting like the older sisters I never had. To Natasha, stay cool/smart girl! To Andre; you are like a big brother to me. To Brian thanks for being a friend I could laugh and joke with. To the love of my life, thank you for loving me and supporting me. You are one of the people that I can open up to, you're my best friend and I will love you forever. To anyone I missed who feels like they're important; I still got love for you.

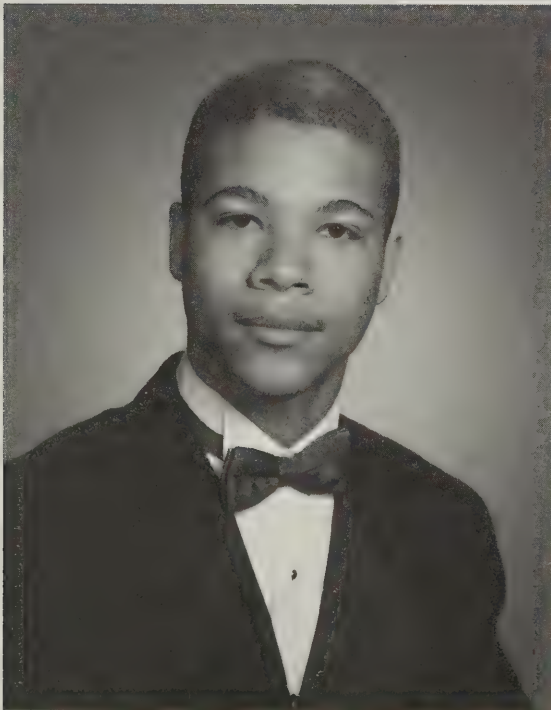
Ya'll We Did It!

Never Before, Never Again



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ANDREW THOMPSON



Never Before and Never Again will I come upon such predominant footsteps in the sands of life. Teachers, Friends, Family, and True Love have permanently imprinted my life, leaving me searching for miracles that can never take their places. *My friends:* Austin, Ummar, V-dub, Te-Te, Le-Le, Tiffany M., Kellye, Anya, E.B.G., Ju-Ju, Tia, Beyonce, Sequins, Brandon, Brian, Phil, Jasmine, Jonta, and Zaraina. Catman and Ayoola stay straight. Josh stay off the courts. Kristmas Jones: jump off. D-nice- go Memphis. Lan work out. Mapletine - stay gospel. Ola-stay true. Tangee- be wishes. Scoop: smile from the heart. *Teachers:* Alvarez and Dog stay cool and young hearted. Hewett-thanks for believing. Mrs. White- Thanks for everything. Mrs. Howard-stay young. R.I.P- Mr. Charles and Helen Williamson, love you. *My Family:* Sheerah, Ashlee, Ashley, Asia, Mook, Ryan. Sheerah An angel upon earth thanks for everything. Ashlee: thanks for being a source of strength for me. Ashley: my sister- in- law stay up. Asia: stay cool, stay single, stay a player. Ryan: thank you for everything see you in Indiana. Mook: yesterday is history tomorrow's a mystery, and today's a gift, that's why it's called the present. You wrap today in ribbons. True love: Audrey, you are everything precious, the best verse to every love song is a promise everlasting. Audrey you are life's purpose. I'll love you forever, never because I want you, but always because I need you.

U-LANDA TUDOR

Thank God for allowing me to make it this far in life. I thank my mother, Esmie Tudor, for walking me through life - every step of the way. Through thick and thin Mommy, you were always there, I Love You!! Chris, thanks for being a father when I needed one the most. Big ups to my sisters Karen and Natasha and to my brother/friend/advisor Shawn. Rest In Peace Simeon Hunte (brother), you couldn't be here but I know you're watching over me. Coach Hewett, you're my second mother. You taught me that my struggle only makes me stronger and to never give up; you will always be remembered. Ms. Melvin, Ms. Turner, T-Dogg, Mrs. Alve, Coach Raysor, Genique and Asim you've been great mentors. I Love Y'all! Congratulations to the Class Of 2004! It's been six years at Uni for most of us. Now is the time we embark on our journeys and walk on the road we've never traveled. Tia and Crystal, our friendship survived these six years. You both walked in when the world walked out; you played major roles in my life. Great friends are hard to find, difficult to leave, and impossible to forget. Lady Phoenix Volleyball team, there will never be another like us. Go Bump, Set Spike, Go Phoenix! To my Uni family Past and Present Much Luv...Nuff Respect!!! Never Before...Yet...Never Again



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PHIL VALDEZ



Above all- special thanks goes out to my father and mother. Without their presence there would be no me; none the less, without God there would be no us. They put up with the worst and brought out the best. Even though, life as a family descended, both still manage to play their parts as parents. They not only provide me with materials, but they also gave me knowledge, strength and will. They will always be recognized and loved for their audacity. Last but not least, I would like to thank Ras, my family, the staff, and Mr. Leon. They made it happen for me.

Now my peers: as the years go on, I wish you all the best. Sheerah, Nessa, Ola, Anya, Lisa, Smoke, Mina, EBG, Tiff, all Ashlees', Tasha, Tangee, Rainy, Mo, Audrey, Shanese, Khandy, Tah, Scoop, CeCe, Yaz, Ra and everybody else; stay strong and pretty. A.A.- although we came across many disagreements, you will always be in my thoughts.

My dudes: there is not much to say to y'all. Time is precious, and opportunity comes a dime a dozen. Take advantage, while you can. The whole basketball team: Mook, Charles, Pac, Carlton, Fro, Ja, Josh, Cat, Chick, twins and Sparks; stay up. For my main hommie, I'm not going too far, Vel. I'm here when you need me. You, Woo, Quan and Chad hold it down. *Be cool!!!! I'm out.*

MONIQUE VANDYKE



I want to thank my parents for all the support in the world. Without that backbone of stability, I would not be where I am. Al, I love you. I have to give special remembrances to two special people, grandma, my reason for living on, and Shani, my athletic inspiration. I'll never forget. R.I.P.

In all my life, I've never met a group of people I'd be more proud of. Through this c/o 2004 I've made more than friends, I've gained family. Junior, there are no words for how happy I am to be a friend. You'll always be my brother, I love you. Tina, we've been there for each other through thick and thin. For this reason, to me, you'll always be the sister I never had. Love you and the family.

I have to give props to all my sisters holding it down. Bonnie and Clyde Jr. for me and you A.A. To my peoples, Audrey, Tip Toe, Ol (stay sexy), Barnett, Asia B, Tia (always eating), SeSe, Jamaica, Zaraina, and Jaz, stay sweet.

For my brothers, Nashid, Carlton, Catman, Phil, Paco, Mooky, Big D., Twins, Shaaron, Chick, Austin, and Ayoola. I love y'all, stay strong.

Staff: T-Dogg, Alvey, Howard, Corley, Mr. A., Mr. C., Coach, Hewett, and everyone I didn't mention, Thanks!! Ms. Turner, We Love You. This is and will always be for 2004. Never Before, Never Again. *I'll Holla!!*

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JESSICA VELEZ

First of all, I know that everyone expected me to thank God. But we should thank Him every day for every thing He has done for us. Anyway I wanted to say what's up to every one, especially Marquita, You have kept things intact at all times. We had our good times and bad (that is when we did not eat!) Really your friendship is irreplaceable. We always kept each other laughing. So thank you for being honest and real with me. Cherokee, my best friend, always remember that I will not take our friendship for granted. Danny stop trying to look good, but seriously you are very funny (sometimes). Tynesha you are a good friend. You, Marquita and I will be sisters for life. Now I want to thank the most hard working people Mommy and Popi. Thank you for being tough and loving. I know you supported me through out this entire journey. I know that both of you are very happy that I made it this far. Because no one else in our family did, so I hope that you are proud. So I just want to say I Love You always. To the class of 2004, I just want to say goodbye and to the friends that I made over the last four years. I will never forget all of you. Never Before, Never again will there a class quite like us. Congratulations we finally made it!



TALIAH WALLACE



First and foremost, I want to thank God for letting me live through these high school years in great health. I want to thank my mother who loved me, and guided me in the right direction. I want to thank Lucille for taking me in when my mother got sick. To my sister and my partner in everything, I love you Tiff. To my best friend and sidekick Jiny, and all my homies in the crew Asia, Marquita, LaShonda. Thanks for being there with me through my trials and tribulations. I want to say thanks to Mrs. DeVaughn, Ms. Muhammad and Dr. Noble for believing in me. Their guidance led me through my complicated times. I want to give a special thanks to Mr. Corley who introduced me to music and made me keep my grades up. I cannot forget the security guards who kept me out the hallways. To Tia and everyone I didn't mention, don't worry y'all; you have a special place in my heart. To the class of 2004 *Never Before, Never Again!!!* We did it!

TIFFANY WALLACE

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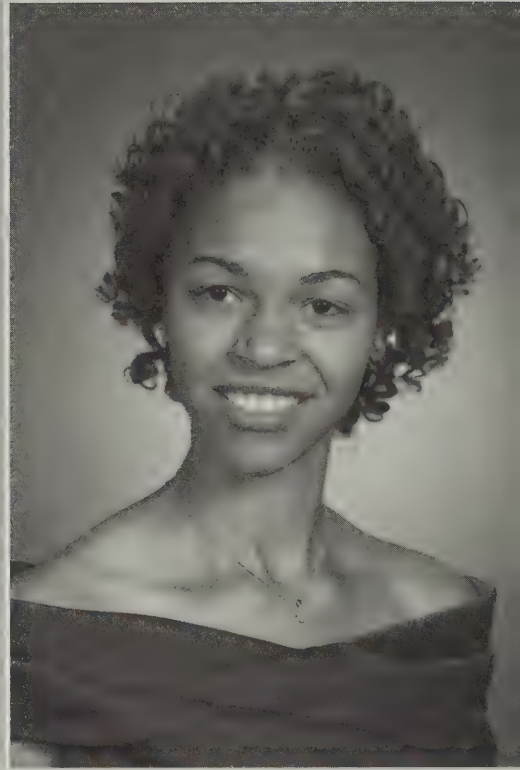
Never Before, Never Again means that no one can ever take our place as the class of 2004 in University. I have been here since my freshman year and feel that my time has been very exuberant. To break up the theme, it will tell the last class and many more classes to come that *Never Before* will there be a class like ours and *Never Again* will there be any like us. When we leave, there will be no class that will compare to us. We know that we have impacted so many lives. First giving honor to God who is the head of my life. Without him, there would be no me. I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the people who helped me through my trials and my tribulations. First, I would like to thank my mother for helping me to accomplish my goals. If he were not on my side, then I don't think I would be the person who I am today. I want to thank my Aunt Lucille, and my sister Taliah. They helped when times got rough and I don't think I could have made it without them. My closest friends: Jiny, Asia, Marquita, and Shonda. To the only person who really understood me, you know who you are. I thank and love you to the fullest.



BRITNEY WARNER

"Live for today, Believe tomorrow will come" – Britney

First and far most I would like to thank *God* for each and everyday he has given me because this life was truly a blessing. Thank you *Mommy* for being the strong independent woman you are and all that you have done for me, thank you for just pushing me to be the classy young lady that I have become. I'd like to thank the one who loved me when I needed someone to be there for me, you truly are a blessing to me and I thank you *Maurice* for just being you. Thank you *Breya* for being more than a cousin, I love you girl. Also big ups to my little brother *Al* and my family and friends for all the support through out these years. Shout out to *LeChelle* and *Nicole* for being the true friends that you are and to my little cousin *Chaz*, I love ya'll. I thank God for each and every one of you and I appreciate that he has surrounded me with people like you. My time at University High was fun along with the faces I have come to know. Shout Out to Class Of 2004. I finally did it and I am ready to face the world... **Never Before Never Again**



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DENISE WASHINGTON

First giving honor to God, who is the head of my life, I truly thank him for all the many blessings he has bestowed upon me. I thank my mother for the love, support and strength she has given me throughout my life. To my family, I thank you all for your love and support. To my church family, I thank you for your spiritual love and guidance. To Kellye, my best friend, life would not be the same if I did not have a friend like you to live it with, I love you. To Josh the friendship has truly grown, I Love you. To my friends, the years have been fun and I will never forget you all. To the males that I have developed a friendship with stay crazy and good luck in the future. To Paco, always remember that the 76ers are # 1 now and forever. To the teachers that have made a difference in my life *Ms. James, Mrs. Alvarez, Ms. Hewitt, Ms. Tierney, Mr. A, Mr. Cardosa, Mrs. Gironda* and *Mr. Bleah* thank you all for the knowledge. To the class of 2004, **NEVER BEFORE** have there been a group of people that can rise above the criticism we received in the beginning of this journey and **NEVER AGAIN** will there be a class as strong as us.



LAMAR WEST

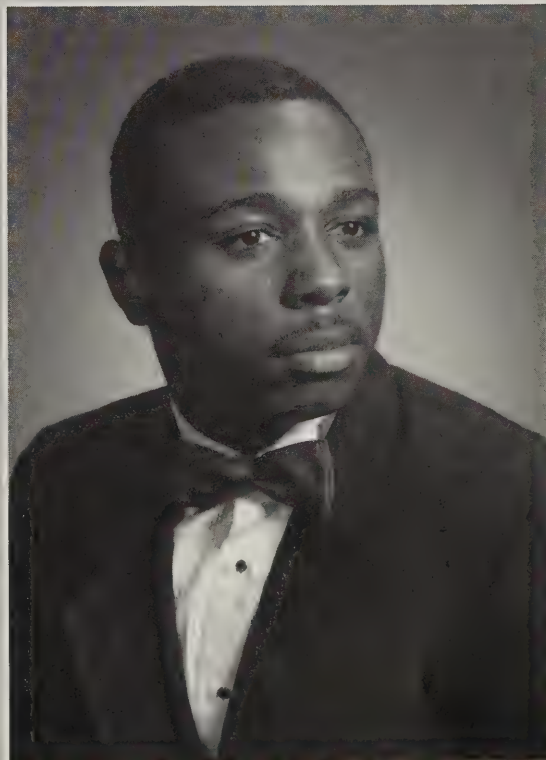
Truly before I begin, I have to thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for watching over me. I truly am grateful to be graduating, because of the long journey it took to get to this point. To the whole *CLASS OF 2004* much love, Congrats and truly live life to the fullest. Truly there are thousands to thank, but I'm going to do my best to thank everybody. Of course to my mother I love you so much, thanks for being in my corner and for being my biggest cheerleader. Denton: take care of Moms while I'm gone. To my Brothers Jayson and Dave, we are about to do big things, Bulldogs 4-Life! Poppy, thanks for everything and I mean everything. Shout-outs to my University family, my sister Angee, Sheerah, Josh, Jahlil and everybody in University, mad love goes out to all of y'all. Of course to my wife Shieedah, words can't express how much I love you, nothing in this world could overcome my love for you, and just know that I will always be there for you. Last, but never least, to my Big Brother in heaven Lamar, Thanks son you know what I mean! To sum it all up Life here and I'm ready and I'm going to do my thing. I'll be looking for all of y'all and truly God Bless. – AFRO-



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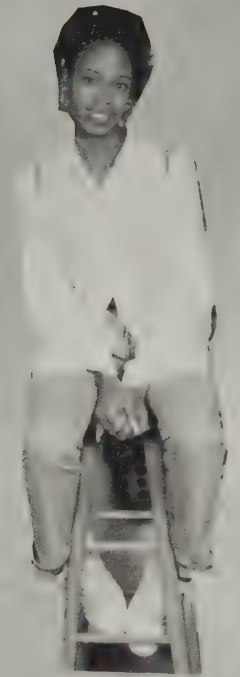
ERIC WESTER

Never Before, Never Again can I go through what I experienced in this school and somehow, I don't think I want to. First, I want to give honor to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ because nothing is possible without him. Next I want to thank my mother, who did her best to raise her bigheaded son and her daughter who strove to do their best in school. I also want to thank my grandmother who gave me the motivation to make something out of myself and succeed in life. Last, I'd like to give a shout out to my boy Sharaan who made the stupid things in life funny. Also, to Shanice, Andre, Marquita, my momma, Reginald, Shonda, Asia, Ana, Tiffany, Menelik, Taliah, Jiny, Shakera, Ralph, Jessica, Carmen, Kevin, Jamar, and anyone else who somehow helped me through life. I'd also like this in dedication and in loving memory of my Aunt Jettie Clark who gave me the strength to move on through life. I want to thank the rest of my family, my lovers, and loved ones. I want to thank my daddy, Mr. Corley for teaching me the beauty of music. This class has taught me a lot and the things I experienced in this school are memorable, thank you and good luck class of 2004.



MONIQUE WHITEHEAD

First and foremost I would like to thank my Aunt Rita for supporting me in my four years at University High. I also would like to thank Mrs. Raysor, Ms. Gray, Mr. Hayes and Mrs. Muhammad for helping through my high school years. I give shout-outs to Chrystal Andries, Christal Braithwait, Wayne Cooper, Ryan Middleton and everybody else who knows me. To the Junior Class: Work hard and stay in school. Don't be a dropout.



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ALNEESHA WICKS

There are many things that I would like to say, and there are many things that I need to say. Some things fit in both categories. Thanking my family for their love and support is one such thing. I would never have made it this far were it not for your constant love and concern for me. And although I haven't always been the perfect child, I love you and deeply appreciate everything that you have done for me.

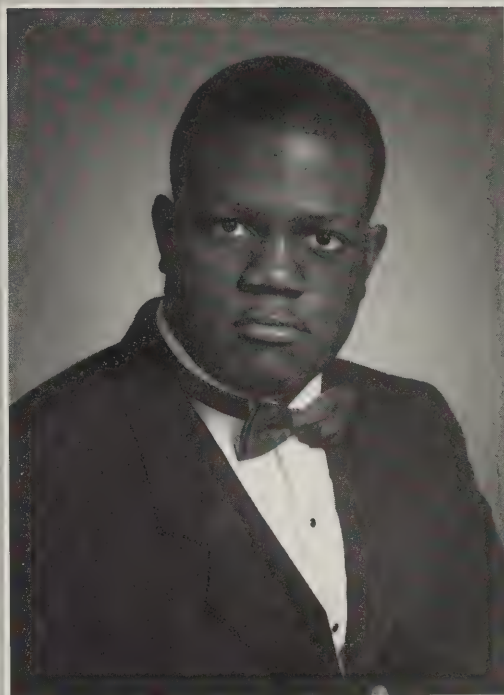
As for my friends, how would I have survived without you? You made me laugh, you made me cry, you made lunch a daily adventure. I would love to name each of you, but space is tight. My teachers - you have taught me so much. And I don't just mean passages in textbooks. You taught me to look beneath, above and beyond the obvious. I can't believe that you actually made all that hard work seem like fun. Mr. Leon, I thank you for the countless changes that you brought to UHS. I most enjoyed the Spirit Fridays which gave me an opportunity to shine.

I'm already looking forward to our reunion, and until then - Peace. Congratulations to the Class of 2004.



DEVIN WILLIAMS

These past four years have been the best of my life. I can't believe that I am a senior already and on the verge of going to college. At first I couldn't wait to leave, but as I my senior year approached, reality started to set in that I am about to be an adult and everything is going to change shortly. I'm really, really, going to miss everyone of University and my great experience here. First and foremost I have to thank God, for blessing me with the talent and resiliency to take what life gives you and use it to my advantage. Second I have to give thanks to my entire family for always being there to guide me and provide love and support. To my boys Marcus I hope you stay out of trouble and stop taking your mom so seriously, Christian stop thinking about baseball all the time, Eligio you have to start controlling your temper and your mouth, Danny, and Menelik. And last but not least a few teachers Ms. DeVaughn, Mr. Husain, Dr. Rahimi, Mr. Velazquez, Ms. Tierney, and Mr. Corley.



MAGGIE WILLIAMS

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Iwant to thank my Heavenly father and his unselfish Son. Then I want to THANK my Grandmother, whose love stayed in my heart, although she is resting. My parents for giving me life, especially my mother who has always been there for me, and did everything to give her kids the best life possible. My stepfather, Mitch, for stepping in and taking on the role of being my father. My second mothers Aunt Dot (Maurice baby) and Aunt Maggie, who also helped in raising me. All my brothers and sisters (Trevor, Shakira, Alana, Cliffton, Cory, Charles, Tricia, and Alexandria), for being there when I needed them most. My best and truest friends, who were there from the beginning and will be there to the end, Yatta (Qua-Qua mommy), Jalessa, Tanitha, and Nee-Nee (Juele's Wifey). My little nieces and nephews (Jazmin, Sharod, Trevor, Taquan, and Aatiana), for being my inspirations. Mrs. Arrowood for keeping me focused, Ms. DeVaughn for being my role model, Mrs. Gironda for taking my mind places I never imagined, and all for giving me their attention. My friends (Jasmine, Nicole, Charline, Treasure, Latoya, and Indera), for being friends and caring. Jessica and Marquita, for keeping me company on the corner. Selicia (Terance), for being that indispensable friend. Tiffany & Shanese (God's devoted Children). Thank you all.
Never before, Never Again.



AUDREY WILLIAMSON

I want to give thanks to my mother, Helen, for being a great guidance in my life. I plan to dedicate my life to carry on her legacy. I thank my father for being a diligent role model, for pushing me to surpass my own expectations; my sister for being the craziest and most brutally honest person I know. You've impacted me more than you think, and my brother for being an annoying inspiration. These last six years have been a journey, which has required me to cross the bridge of life and face the golden gates of opportunities. It wouldn't have been the same without my best friend, Tippy. When times were at their worst she was always there. (Love You!) Tina, Mo, Ola, Ashley/ee, and Asia have animated my years here at Uni! My expedition wouldn't have been this exciting without my dysfunctional homies, Se-Se and Jamaica. Cat-Eyes, Phil, Carlton, Josh, Austin and Charles have kept my excursion very humorous. Shoutouts: Tasha, Lisa, Sheera, Rainy, Nikah, Tiff and my Xinos I wouldn't have reached the golden gates without the guidance of T-Dog, Alvey, Hewett (diva), and Ms. Melvin. The climax of my voyage has been the ups and downs I have experienced with my *True Love*, Paco. A day without your love is a day without life. **Never Before, Never again**, will I be forced to close the golden gates and leave the memories behind.



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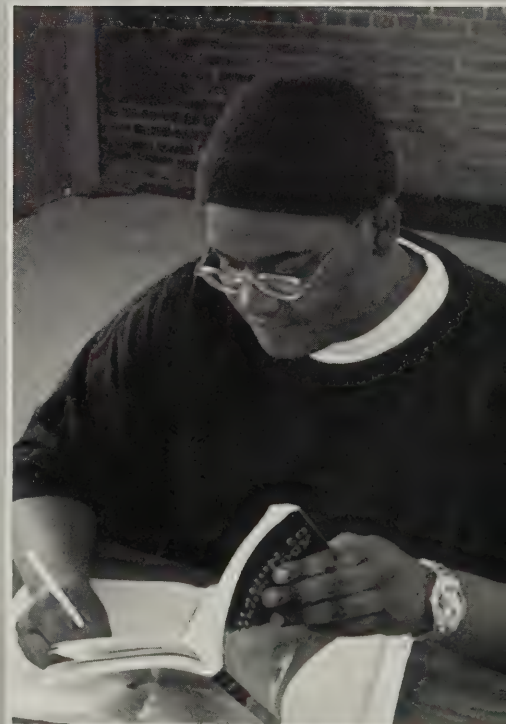
DANIEL WILSON

There are many things that I would like to say, and there are many things that I need to say. Somethings things fit in both categories. Thanking my family for their love and support is one such thing. I would never have made it this far were it not for your constant love and concern for me. And although I haven't always been the perfect son or always showed it, I love you, and deeply appreciate everything that you have done for me.

To my friends - I may or may not remember the algebra, or the formulas, but for sure I will always remember you. Always. I can't imagine doing high school without you.

To my teachers - a simple, and sincere thanks will have to do for now. I have been here for six years and I sampled some of the best teaching possible. I didn't always recognize it or appreciate it. But in retrospect, I can only say "Thanks."

To my fellow classmates: Congratulations! We're out.



MESSAGE FROM YOUR
ADVISOR JACQUELINE TURNER



TO THE CLASS OF 2004,

WHERE DID THE TIME GO? I TRULY NOW HAVE AN IDEA OF HOW A PARENT FEELS TO SEE INNOCENT, OPEN, EAGER MINDS AND BODIES CHANGE BEFORE YOUR EYES INTO WISE, HONEST, OUTGOING ACHIEVERS. IT HAS BEEN QUITE AN EXPERIENCE. FOR ME, OVERALL IT HAS BEEN GREAT EVEN THROUGH THE "T-W-H-O-A" TIMES.

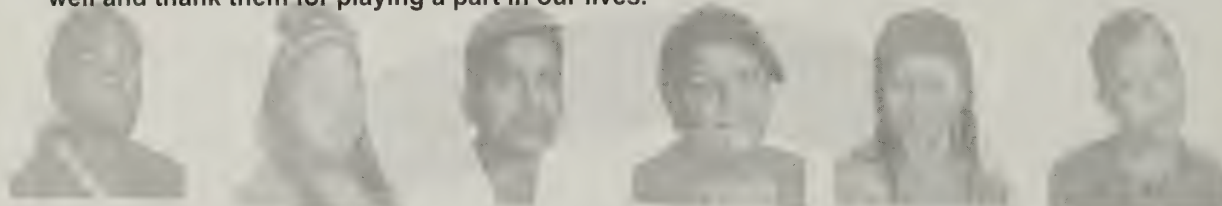
TRY TO KEEP THE EAGERNESS AND OPENNESS OF YOUR YOUTH WITH THE MATURITY THAT THE EXPERIENCES OF LIFE HAVE TAUGHT AND WILL CONTINUE TO TEACH YOU. LEARN, IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO ALREADY, TO BE PERSISTENT AND CONSISTENT IN FOLLOWING YOUR DREAMS. **STAY FOCUSED**; KNOW THAT YOU ARE A "BLESSED" FORCE FOR CHANGE. FOR TRULY "ONLY TIME WILL TELL."

LOVE YA ALWAYS,
MS. J.J.

Where are they now?



Often in life lives intersect and friendships are born, and then we go down another road in life. The students on this page were near and dear to us. Some we still have contact with, others have moved far away, and some may be but a bittersweet memory in our mind. We wish them well and thank them for playing a part in our lives.



Angela Abney, Nazimuddin Ahmed, Ana Andrade, Tafreia Bradley, Starr Cato, Selinia Chung, Marcus Correa, Shaquana Council, Peta-Gay Evelyn,



Sherry Fouad, Vansi Galvez, Tania Gode, Leonel Rosario Neysa Serrano, Tal Shevah, Maria Torres, Juanita Veale, Ashley Weathering ton, Joseph Johnson,



Mack Jones, Julia Kossareva, Katrina La Rue, Erica Lowery, Laquan Lucas, Shakir Mc Dougald, Francis Ogbo



WE STILL REMEMBER...



In special memory of Jean Charles who taught us French and dedicated his life to insure the future of our students.

ELIZABETH HADEN
BEATRICE ANDREWS
WILHEMINA BROWN
GARY HAYES
AMY TORCHIA
JOSEPH GRISSETT
MONICA GRAY
ROBERT FRIEDANK
HILDA HARRIS
KIMBERLY SMITH
ELIZABETH VEGA
VILMOS KIRALY
HATTIE LAW
CHRISTOPHER WELSH
NADINE MOSELEY

MARY ALTIERE
SANDRA AUGUST
NORMA FAIR-BROWN
JAMES BROWN
EDWARD BOMZE
STEPHANIE HABADAH
BEJUNDA LANGFORD
NATHAN LEARY
GWENDELYN SANFORD
JOYLETTE RANSOME
MARTHA SMALL
DELORES BURFORD
JEAN ROCHE
ROSEMARY WAWACK

Remember When

The entire Class of 2004 really were friends?
Dr. Brown was the principal?
Ashley A. and Ashlee B. were best friends?
Brandon burnt Ebony's neck?
Ebony wore a skirt?
Fro had a fro?
There was no rainbow?
Anya and Sequins were friends?
We went through three Spanish teachers in one year?
The Dwights were a clique?
The Battle of the Beyonces?
The Ice Lady was banned from the school grounds?
Sequins had braces?
Chaz got dunked on in the Christmas Tournament?
When Dr. Evans was here for two minutes?
How Dr. Evans always said ... "Do the Do Now"
The "I Can Learn Algebra" lab?
Mrs. Kairu's class changed their own grades?
Paco didn't have a girlfriend ... never?
Lawrence and Carlton were butterballs?
Room 117 was the hot spot?
Ms. James changed her hair color every week?
Chaz and Asia had beef?
The Michael Jackson Pep Rally?
Asia cried over Ja Rule?
Basement Scandals happened?
Marcus and Ebony were a couple?
No one knew what grade Travis was in?
Mr. Leon arrived?
Ms. James didn't chase everyone for money?....never
Mrs. Roche had the People's eyebrows?
Tina and Vanessa had issues?
Jump Off Inc. was happening?
Austin and Chaz showed up?
LeChelle, Nicole, Tiffany, Britney and Nadira joined us
The very first day of school?
Ola's last name - a.b.c.d....?
Tina was just church?
Jasmine had Coca-Cola glasses?

We got cookies for lunch?
Everyone had Giga pets?
We had sexy collars?
Someone got jumped 8 times in one year?
HSPA Days? "Be Cool."
Mooky left and came back?
Fubu Civilization was phat?
We almost drank Clinton juices at lunch?
We had yo-yos?
Phil scored his 1000th point?
Mrs. Pendleton's coughed?
Chaz in his little retro shorts?
Morning announcements were short and simple?
Charles had no hair (Gumbee)?
Tia shaved her eyebrows off?
Bells signaled change of classes?
We wore jumpers for Pep Rally?
On Halloween, Mooky and Paco were cheerleader
Star Polishers were invented?
Taliah and Jiny wanted to jump Phil?
We all shared the same boyfriends...we still do
Audrey and Ashlee' J. fought?
Carmen fell in the gym?
We didn't salute the flag everyday?
We didn't have Spirit Fridays?
What we did before Friday Nite Movies?
The boys and girls elementary basketball
championships?
Shani Baraka was the girls basketball coach?
Flying roaches in Rojy's class?
Breakfast, lunch and dinner at Mo house?
Ian pulled down Cat-Eyes pants in the gym?
All the boys had chipped teeth?
Nashid went poor and moved back to Newark?
Raheem came to school?
Writing on the girls locker room walls?
We all shared the same boyfriends?...we still do
Munch looked like a member from B2K?
Shani Baraka passed away?
We found out Mr. Charles had died?

If You Only Knew....

FIRST AND FOREMOST, ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF. ON THE STREETS THEY CALL ME UNIQUE, BUT YOU CAN CALL ME LIL UNI. I HAVE BEEN A STUDENT HERE AT BIG UNI SINCE THE SEVENTH GRADE, ABOUT SIX YEARS TOO LONG. DURING MY MANY YEARS HERE THE CLASS OF 2004 STAYED **WAILIN**. THE TEACHERS WERE ALWAYS **STUNTIN** AND **TRIPPIN** OVER HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS. AT TIMES I FELT THE NEED TO **BLAQUE** CAUSE THEY NEVER KNEW HOW TO **B-EASY**. EVERY DAY HERE AT UNI SEEMED **OFF DA HOOK**! BETWEEN TRYING TO KEEP MY GRADES UP AND MAKING THE CAF MY SANCTUARY, THERE WAS NEVER A DULL MOMENT! THE CAFETERIA "GOURMET" IS **KNOCKIN**, AND NOT IN A GOOD WAY. **WAT'S REALLY GOOD**, WITH THERE BEING ROACHES IN THE CAF AND THE CLASSROOMS. NOT TO MENTION, THE CLASSROOMS ARE FREEZING IN THE WINTER AND **BLAZIN** IN THE SUMMER. **CHILLIN** WITH MY **HOMIES** IN THE CLASS MAKES THE DAY GO BY A LITTLE FASTER. BUT NOTHING IS MORE **FUGAZY** THAN ALL THE **WANKSTAS** WHO BE **FRONTIN** UP IN UNI. THEY STAY GETTING **RIPPED** CAUSE DEY **BOOTY**. THEY ALWAYS **SWOLL** BECAUSE EVERY TIME THEY TRIED TO **HOLLA** AT A SISTER SHE TOLD THEM, "**TALK TO THE HAND**." DON'T GET ME WRONG SOME OF THE SISTERS ARE **WAK** BECAUSE THERE ARE PLENTY OF **JUMP OFFS** WHO BE **SMUTTIN**, ONLY CHASIN THE **GANGSTAS** WITH **CAKE**. HOWEVER THERE ARE A FEW **DYMES** WHO ARE **WIFEY** MATERIAL, BUT SOME OF THE BROTHERS DON'T WANT A **SHORTY**, JUST A GIRL WITH A **FATTY**. OVERALL, I'M MISS BIG UNI BECAUSE THIS SPOT WAS MY HOME FOR MANY YEARS. I HAVE PLENTY OF MEMORIES TO TAKE WITH ME. **PEACE TO MATAYOO...** I'M OUT LIKE THE VAPORS.

Glossary

WAILIN - BEING EXCESSIVELY WILD OR OUTRAGEOUS

STUNTIN - ACTING AS A NUISANCE

TRIPPIN - TO NAG :

BLAQUE - TO BE LOUD WHEN ADDRESSING A PROBLEM

B-EASY - CALM DOWN

OFF DA HOOK - ACTING IN A CRAZY MANNER

KNOCKIN - TO BE EXTREMELY GOOD OR EXTREMELY BAD

WAT'S REALLY GOOD - WHAT IS GOING ON

BLAZIN - TREMENDOUSLY HOT (REFERENCE TO WEATHER)

CHILLIN - TO RELAX AND HANG OUT

HOMIES - CLOSE FRIENDS

FUGAZY - SOMETHING THAT IS FAKE

WANKSTAS - A PERSON WHO IS ATTEMPTING TO BE hardcore

FRONTIN - TRYING TO BE SOMETHING YOU'RE NOT; DENIAL

RIPPED - TO BE MADE FOOL OF

BOOTY - SOMETHING THAT IS CORNY

SWOLL - TO BE EMBARRASSED

HOLLA - A GREETING IN REFERENCE TO HAVING A CONVERSATION WITH SOMEONE

TALK TO THE HAND - A PHRASE USED WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT WANT TO BE BOTHERED; AN ACT OF IGNORING SOMEONE

WAK - SOMETHING THAT IS CORNY

JUMP OFF - A PROMISCUOUS INDIVIDUAL; SOMETHING IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN

SMUTTIN - HAVING PROMISCUOUS ACTIONS

GANGSTA - SOMEONE WHO IS hardcore

CAKE - MONEY

DYME - SOMEONE WHO IS CONSIDERED VERY ATTRACTIVE

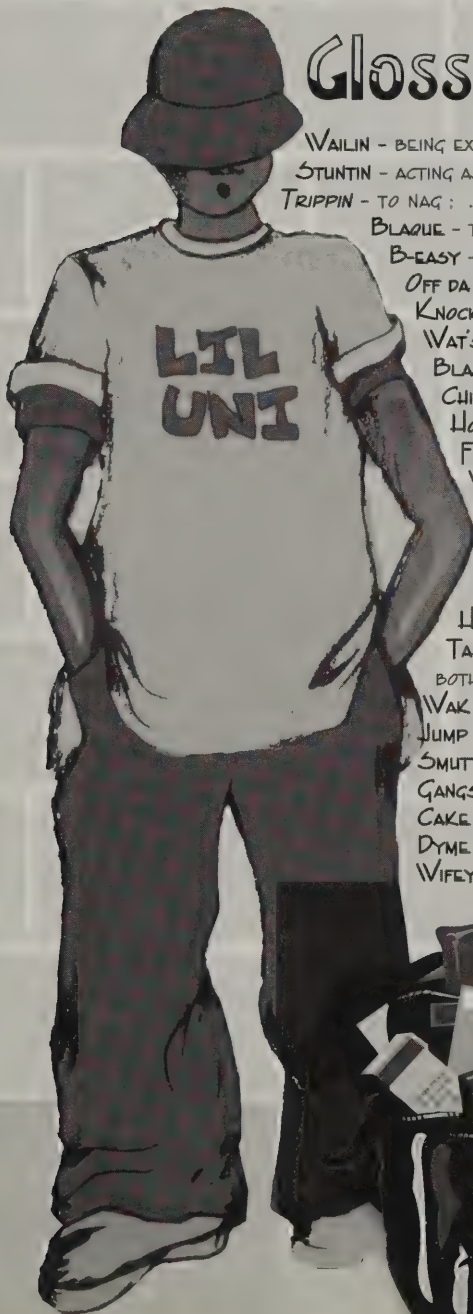
WIFEY - A FEMALE WHO HOLDS A SPECIAL PLACE IN YOUR HEART, NOT NECESSARILY YOUR GIRLFRIEND

SHORTY - YOUR GIRLFRIEND; YOUR CHILD

FATTY - A WOMAN WHO HAS VOLUPTUOUS PHYSICAL ASSETS

PEACE TO MATAYOO... - A PHRASE SAID WHEN TELLING SOMEONE YOU ARE LEAVING

OUT LIKE THE VAPORS - A PHRASE SAID TO ACKNOWLEDGE SOMEONE IS LEAVING

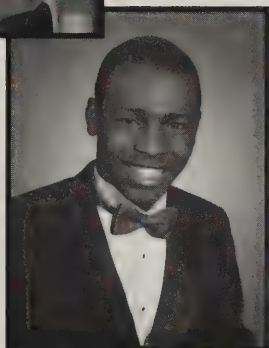




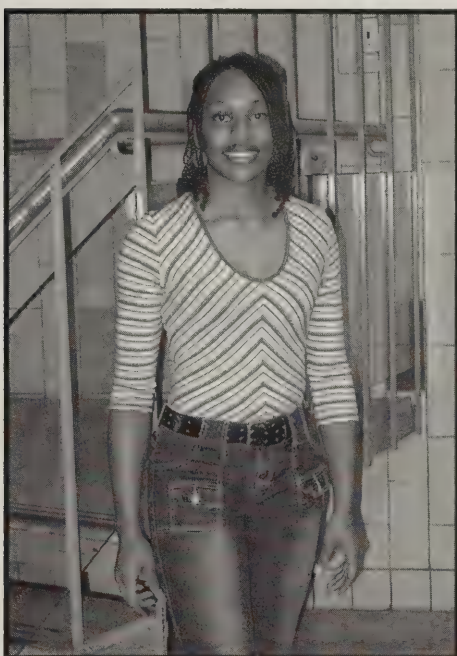
Last Will and Testament

- Danielle F. - I leave Mrs. Turner a class that will pay their dues on time
- Jessica V. - I leave UHS with all my laughter and memories
- Lawrence S. & Ashlee J. - We leave Pep Squad with new steps for pep rally
- Vanessa M. - I leave Mrs. Turner more blonde dye for her hair
- Ashlee J. - I leave Mrs. White the rest of a sentence
- Deborah K. - I leave the classes after 04' with the patience and strength to survive
- Alneesha W. - I leave everyone with a free hair-do to look good like I do
- Josh - I leave all the females of UHS another sexy chocolate brother like me
- Anya H. - I leave Lisa a jet black ponytail
- Taliah W. - I leave Mr. Corely the Jazz Band that changed his life; Mrs. Jackson a long skirt; Mr. Leon with enough food to last him through the day
- Lauren H. - I leave Mrs. Gironda a million sensual books and poems
- Andrew T. - I leave Tangee a six minute abs tape
- Ola. A. - I leave Mr. Baraka and Mrs. Mohammed the nutrients of life to take further and touch the hearts of others like they did mine.
- E.B.G - I leave Sheerah another "hooka dance"
- Shieedah - I leave Josh a crispy white-tee and some food for lunch
- Ummar A. - I leave Mr. Leon good luck with being a great principal
- Asia B. - I leave Jasmine a "pair" of contacts and the senior sweethearts the best of luck
- Rukiyah R. - I leave Audrey and Jasmine some sleep; Ashley A. music to dance to 24/7; Ashlee B. a candy store; Mrs. Hewett a class that takes gym; Shanese a pair of boxing gloves
- Khandice S. - I leave the class of 04' with the mindset and dedication they need to achieve great things; the home of the Phoenix my ID
- U-Landa T. - I leave Uni another student like me; the future volleyball teams new uniforms, sneakers, knee pads and volleyballs; the cheerleaders equipment and a place to practice; Mr. Leon an unlimited supply of food
- Shanese J. - Tiffany M. some length to her dreads; Shieedah a lifetime supply of doublemint; class of 2004 many memories of me
- Tangee M. - I leave gum to Shiy Shi Shi; an apology to Sequins; a dentist appointment for Paco
- Audrey W. - I leave Sequins true friends who can tolerate her; Khandice and Ola true love; Mrs. Hewett another volleyball team as great as the one she had this year; T-Dog a class of students just like me; Mrs. Eckstein and Mrs. Jackson patience and tolerance to complete yet another yearbook; the class of 2004 thanks for molding me into who I am today
- Eligio R. - I leave a winning season for the baseball team.....for once
- CLASS OF 2004 - We leave the home of the Pheonix another class just like us

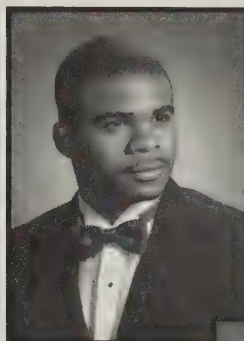
Zodiac Signs

Capricorn



Verga Ramsey-Aquarius



Sharron Giles and Alneesha Wilks-Pisces



Tynesha Stokes-Taurus



Amanda BarreroAries



Miss Zodiac and Gemini

Zodiac Signs




Alicea Harris-Libra



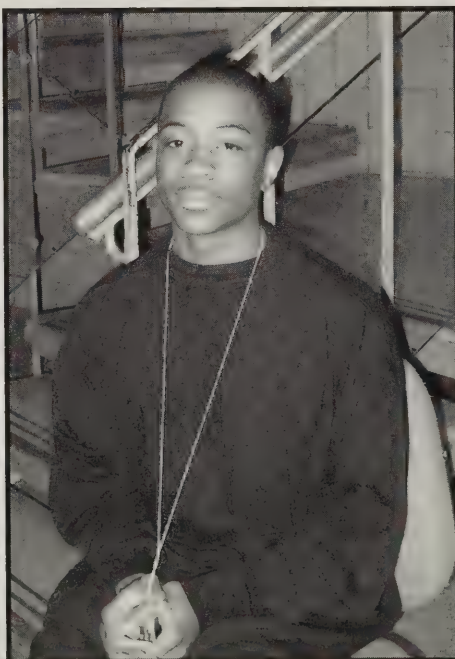
**Wayne Cooper and
Erica Barrows-Leo**



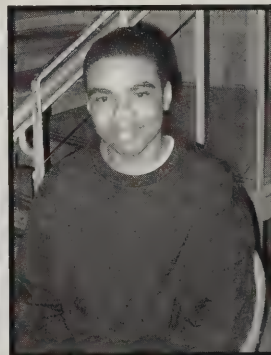
Natasha Willis-Virgo



Tanequa Hayes-Cancer

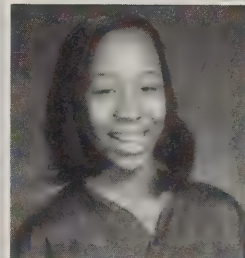
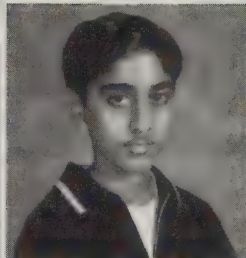


Andrew Green-Scorpio



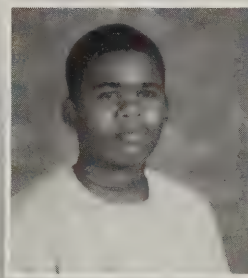
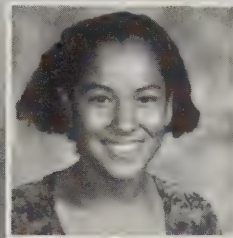
**Antwan Manns and Wemys
Horatio-Sagittarius**

Remember When

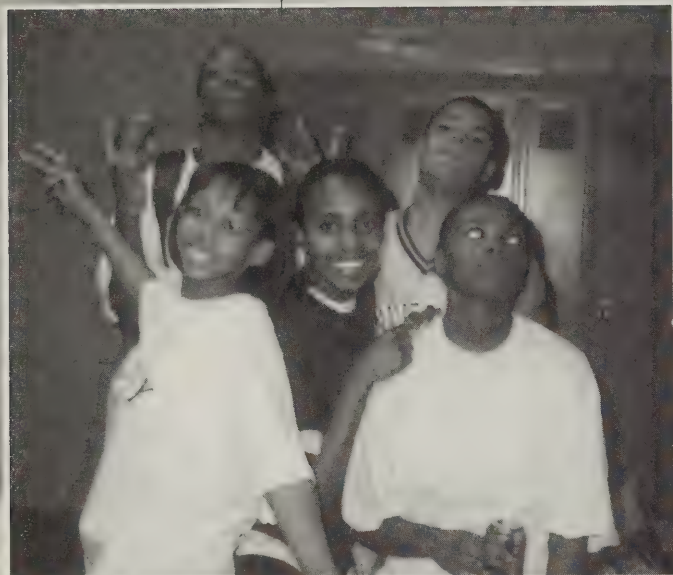


PUTTING THE PIECES

TOGETHER



flash BACK



Ok, Boys and Girls, How many fingers can you count?

Is it May Madness yet? We've got to beat those teachers!

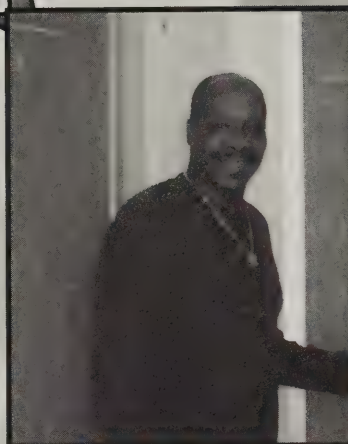


We always did like to pose. And we do it so well. All the usual suspects plus the few who left us.

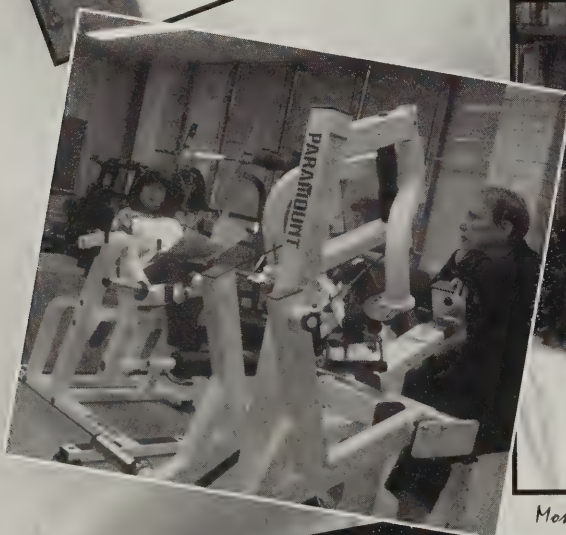




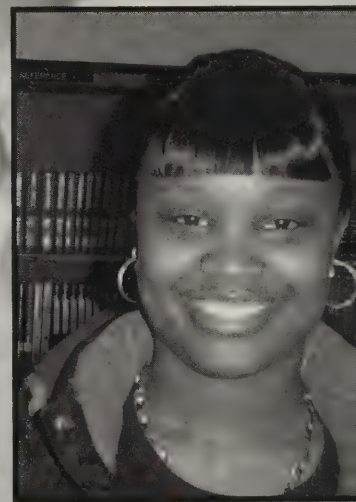
CELEBS



No one can doubt that the *COOLEST TEACHER* in UHS is Mr. Alexander; where would he be without our *MOST FAVORITE TEACHER* Mrs. Hewett. Together they have taken this school by a storm.



Most Nonchalant Male Umar Awan



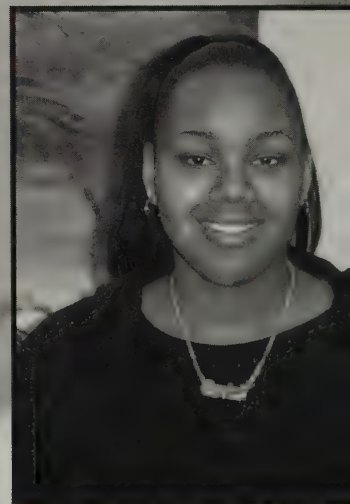
Moodiest Kelley Smith



Cast and Crew of UHS's first musical production, *Gemini Rising*, under the direction of Semaj and Regina Sharpe.



Dance Fanatic Ashley Anderson



Most Nonchalant Female Denise Washing



Graduates,

PURSUE YOUR PASSION

Excerpted from Kirk Nugent

This is your life,
Your purpose on this Earth is not to please me.
Nor is it to fulfill your parents' unrealized dreams.
You were not placed here to make concessions so that they could be proud,
So they could brag about their seed.
Fulfill some unfulfilled childhood emotional need
Let them be proud of their very own deeds.
This is your life!

I came here to shine light into the dark
And like a dog against a hydrant, I am leaving my mark!
We were not sent here to invest in someone else's idea of what we should
be
The complacent life does not stimulate me.
So forgive me if I feel no compassion
For those poor souls who live to follow the fashion.
Because if you want to live a life that's neither limited nor ration,
Then by God you must pursue your passion.

Let others lead small lives, but not you
Let others be satisfied with the crumbs, but not you
Let others sit around and be chronic complainers, but not you
Let others be volunteers victims, but not you!
Let others use their race, their gender,
Their sexual orientation as a crutch, but not you
Let others be concerned about what the neighbors
Might think, say or do, but this is not for you!
Leave that for the politicians, the governors,
Start caring about other people's opinion

And you'll become their prisoner.
This is about a lifestyle that uniquely fits.
Life is God's gift to you,
Style is what you make out of it.
Whatever you're passionate about, the perfection of that craft can be
learned
So with the obstacles of this world be not concerned
Because if you set yourself on fire
The world will come watch you burn.
So now that you know that impossible is a word
Found in the dictionary of fools
What are you going to do?
What are you going to do with the rest of your life?

**CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2004
UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL PTSO EXECUTIVE BOARD
AND THE PARENT, TEACHER AND STUDENT MEMBERS**

Through the Years...

you have struggled against the challenges of youth, studies and the world. After six years at UHS, you are empowered with the knowledge and skills to soar like the mighty Phoenix to meet your life's goal.



Congratulations to Ms. Turner's
Sweethearts in
Room 117!





Audrey Williamson

To Our Dear Princess, Words can't express the overwhelming feeling of pride we have for you. Watching you grow from Baby Heather to mature and wise Audrey has been an unforgettable experience. Continue to strive for success, for you will always have our love and support.

With Unconditional love and patience, The Williamsons



CONGRATULATIONS LeChelle Herron

TO LeChelle:

MAY GOD BLESS YOU, AND I PRAY THAT YOU WILL
CONTINUE TO SUCCEED IN YOUR GOALS.

LOVE COUSIN JOHN

CONGRATULATIONS LeChelle!

WE ARE EXTREMELY PROUD OF YOU.

LOVE THE RAWLS FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS LeChelle!

ON YOUR GRADUATION FROM UNIVERSITY HIGH
SCHOOL. MUCH LUCK AND SUCCESS IN YOUR
ENDEAVORS.

BEST WISHES AND MUCH LOVE

AUNT TAMMY AND COUSIN SHAKIRRA

LeChelle

I AM SO HAPPY FOR YOU, AND I WILL ALWAYS BE
SUPPORTIVE IN ANYTHING YOU DECIDE TO DO.

I LOVE YOU CUZ,

TRINA

MAY YOU REACH FOR THE STARS,

MAY YOUR WISHES COME TRUE,

MAY GOD BE YOUR GUIDE IN ALL THAT YOU DO.

LOVE

GRANDMA ANN, LARUANA AND RICKY

LeChelle,

YOUR VISION OF BEING A DOCTOR IN THE MEDICAL FIELD IS
POSSIBLE, ONLY BELIEVE, LOVE, TRUST GOD TO PROVIDE AND
HAVE FAITH! WITH PRAYER AND THANKFULNESS IN YOUR
HEART TO GOD. THE LORD JESUS SAID "ASK AND YOU
SHALL RECEIVE, SEEK AND YOU SHALL FIND, KNOCK AND THE
DOOR SHALL BE OPENED."

LOVE,

UNCLE TILMAN AND GLADYS RAWLS

LeChelle,

I KNOW THAT YOU ARE CAPABLE OF DOING ANYTHING
THAT YOU PUT YOUR MIND TO, AND THAT IS WHY YOU ARE
GOING TO SUCCEED IN BEING THAT NEUROLOGIST. DON'T
GIVE UP AND YOU'LL SEE HOW MUCH YOUR HARD WORK IS
WORTH.

LOVE, AUNT BESSIE

HEY KIDDO AND CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR GRADUATION
YOU KNOW I LOVE YOU AND I AM BEHIND YOU 100%.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND WHEN YOU ARE MAKING
THOSE 8 FIGURES, REMEMBER ME. (SMILE)

LOVE

AUNT CELESTINE

LeChelle,

I AM VERY PROUD TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE DOING SO WELL
IN SCHOOL. CONTINUE TO STAY FOCUSED AND NO MATTER
WHAT, KEEP GOD FIRST IN YOUR LIFE.

LOVE,

AUNT MAGGIE



FROM THE RAWLS FAMILY

**Congratulations
LeChelle Herron
from
Your Aunts**



To our Lil' Sis' LeChelle,
CONTINUE TO USE THE GIFTS GOD HAS GIVEN YOU.
CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS GRADUATION.
THERE WILL BE MORE

WE LOVE YOU
VANETHA AND JAMES STRADFORD



**Congratulations, LeChelle
on your graduation.
may God bless you.**

The Milton Family

LeChelle

*Paster Wilson, First Lady, Aisha and Quiana
Are all "ROUND" my dear!! You are a strong woman, remember to say
God First and he will do
Wonders in your life!!!
Psalm 37:23
If the Lord DELIGHTS in a man's way,
He makes his steps FIRM.
We love you!!!*



CONGRATULATIONS LECELLE

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GOOD LUCK AND CONTINUED SUCCESS

ALWAYS,
SIMONE

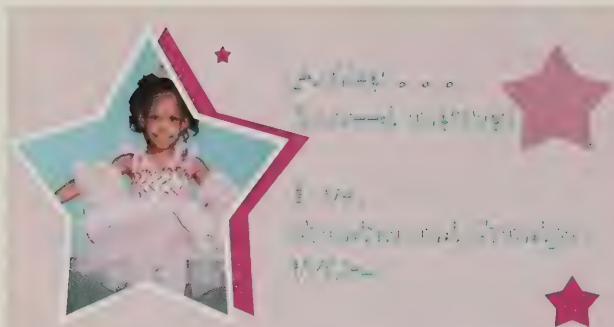


LeChelle Herron

LeChelle,

The time is here and you are making your way to be-
coming an adult. The "real world" isn't easy, but I ask
you to stay focused and when times get hard, pray.
We are so proud of you. Please hurry up and become
that doctor, because we need you!

Love,
Aunt Meta, Yolanda, Towanda, Elrena, Tonyi, Austin,
and Serenity



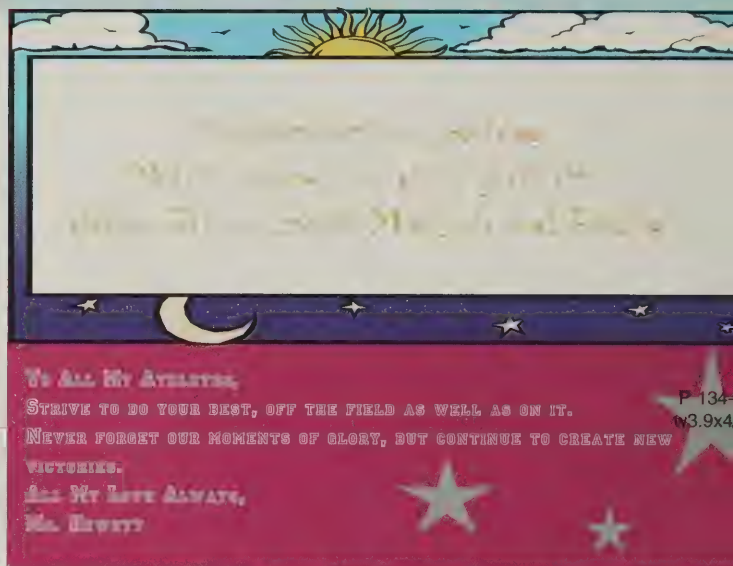
Zaraina Frazier
Congratulations to Zaraina Frazier
You have danced your way into our hearts and
our souls. Set your standards high. You
have grown into a beautiful young lady.
Love and Blessings to our
Shining Star

Frazier, Saunders and Hughes
Families



Good Luck
Ash,
Love Derek

Congratulations
Ashley,
We are so proud of
you Keep moving on
and stepping up.
Love Grandpa,
Karen and Kareia



MONIQUE VAN DYKE

"...Carry on the tradition. There were Black People since the childhood of time who carried it on. Ghana and Mali and Timbuktu we carried it on ... Through the lies and the sell-outs. The mistakes and the madness. Through pain and hunger and frustration, we carried it on. Carried a Black tradition ... Carry it on."

From Assata: An autobiography
Masani Barnwell

Congratulations and Best Wishes,
Karen Harris

Your accomplishments are astounding. As you step into the next phase of your life, I know you will give it the same enthusiasm as always. I am proud of you. I love you. Congratulations!!!
Delphine Williams "AKA Mommy"

Everything is determined by our attitude, by our resolve. Our heart is what matters most.
Daisaku Ikeda
Betty Brown

These things I wish for you: Tough times and disappointment, hard work and happiness. To me, it's the only way to appreciate life. Best of Luck,
Angela Yearwood

Congratulations and Best Wishes,
Keisha Smith-Carrington

THE WRITTEN WORD BOOK CLUB



Congratulations Devin Williams



On December 31, 1986 a precious little angel entered our lives. That angel is Devin William. We have watched you grow from that little angel to a well rounded young man. During that time, you have made us so proud of all your accomplishments and we know the best is yet to come.

With college years and career ahead of you, we know there is nothing you can't do or handle.

Always wishing you the best!!!

Love from your family,

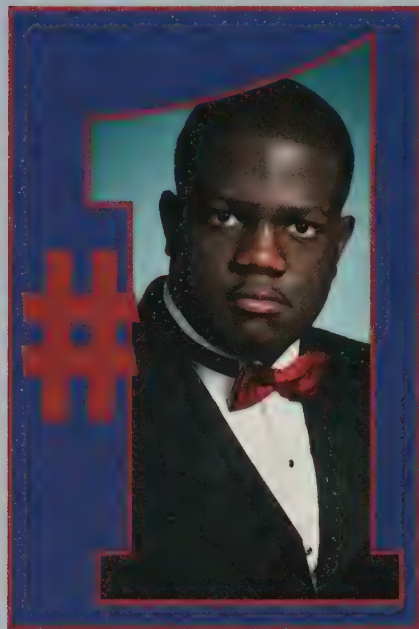
Grandma Lizzie, Grandpa Jim, Uncle Michael, Aunt Marilyn, Aunt Robin, Uncle Eric, Aunty Lynnel, Uncle Carlos, Jimiel, Ashley and Jaivon.

Best of Luck



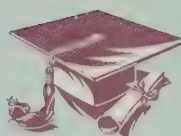
Congratulations Little Brother
Devin
I'm very proud of you!
Conquer the World!!
Love, Dwayne

BEST WISHES AND GOOD LUCK
UNCLE DEVIN
LOVE,
TYTEYONNA, TENAYA AND CAMILLA



CONGRATULATIONS,
DEVIN
FROM YOUR FRIENDS
AT
INITIAL CONTRACT
SERVICES

CONGRATULATIONS,
COUSIN DEVIN!
MUCH SUCCESS IN
THE FUTURE
LOVE,
THE LEGRANDS,
KEARNEYS AND
CHRISTMAS FAMILIES



Congratulations Devin William

The Frank B. Blundell Family



Dear Elisa,

Keep your head up and strive for the best.
Tanya Marsha

Don't ever settle for less. Taina Smith

Good Luck, Elisa. Tonya

Wishing you all the best in life. Love Aunt Sharon.

ANYWAY

Author unknown

People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered.

Love them anyway.

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.

Do good anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable

Be frank and honest anyway.

People favor underdogs but will follow only top dogs.

Fight for some underdogs anyway.

People may need help, but may attack you if you help them.

Help people anyway.

What you spend your years building may be destroyed overnight.

Build away.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough.

Give the world the best you have anyway.

Fondly, Mrs. G. Barrington Jackson and Mrs. Paula Eckstein

TO OUR #1 SON, GRANDSON AND BIG BROTHER
LAMAR WEST #51
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!!!



We Love You and Support you Always!!!

Mommy, Denton, Lanasia, Nana
Auntie, Toppie, Grandma's Pat Pat
And all your AUNT Brothers and of
course, Your Shieedah and Family
Too!!!
Congratulations,
Future Morgan State Blue Bear

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All of Your Endeavors"

To my Oldest Brother
Lamar West
Congratulations, Big Bro
Together Forever, No Matter How
Far Apart
Love,
Your Sis
Lanasia
UHS 2007

Shieedah Hilton



First of all, I want to thank the Lord because he has truly blessed our family.

Shi-Shi it seems like only yesterday that you were born, and now it's time to wish you well. You are all grown up now and you have grown to be a beautiful young lady. Now it's time for me to let you go and make your own decisions. It's hard for me because you are my baby and you will always be my baby. I want you to go to college and give your all. Stay focused, keep your head up and no matter what, don't let nothing keep you from achieving all your goals in life. I know you will do good in college because I won't be there to nag you. (smile)

Remember, I love you so much, and I will be here if you need anything. Keep your sisters in your heart and always be there for them. I know you are excited about college so have fun, but study hard. Shi-Shi, remember to always pray and ask God for whatever you need, and he

will provide you with all your needs. Times will get hard, but never give up. If you fail at one goal, then go on to the next. You are a very intelligent young lady. Use that to your advantage. I know that God will keep you safe and healthy. I also want to say God will bless Lamar's and your relationship. Remember: Trust is essential if there is to be success in every relationship.

Shieedah, I can go on and on with telling you how great you are to me, but there is not enough space. (smile)

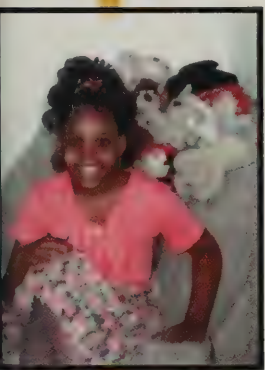
I wish you health, happiness and prosperity.

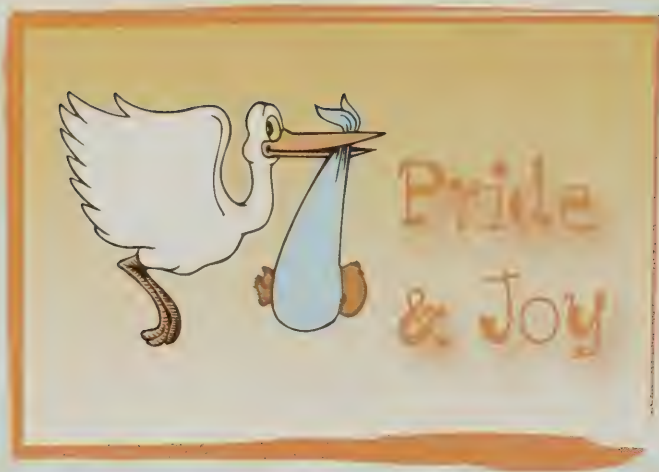
Love

Your Mom Alice, AKA Babyalice

Congratulations to my dear cousin Sha. You are very special. Always keep God first in your life. His love will keep your paths straight.

Alyce P. Waters





The time is here for me to express the deep love and appreciation I have for you. I thank God for most of all giving me a gift as



wonderful as you. Just stay focused and committed to God. You as a small child told me that you wanted to be a neurologist. You can be whatever you want to be. I know the road is going to be difficult because Mommy won't always be there to wake you up for school. (smile) Just remember: This is college, No Coming Late for Class! It has been a lovely experience, just the two of us, just remember I am only one call away. I love you my child, Mommy

Ashley Anderson

To My Lil Ashley,
From the time you were born, I knew that you were a special lil girl. A mother can be no more proud of her child than what I am today. You have grown into a beautiful young woman, ready to take on the world. And there is a great BIG world waiting for you. Strive to always do your best and take the disappointments along with the triumphs, because nothing in life is fair nor easy. Always remember that my love for you will never die and that with every changing day it will only get stronger and stronger. Congratulations, Love Mommy



Shieedah Hilton

You were always a good baby. I never had any problems with you. Your smile was pretty then, and now you have the most beautiful smile. Your grandmother potty trained you in one week. You always were smart and you didn't even cry that much when you were a baby. I want you to know that I love you when you were a baby and I love you even more now. I'm proud of you and all your achievements. Keep smiling, it looks really good on you. I know one day your babies will grow up to be as beautiful as you are. Love Mom A.K.A. BabyAlice



Shieedah Hilton

I look back at you and see a baby just learning how to walk. Now you drive me crazy trying to get my car. You were lovely then and you still are. You are a star that always shines bright and always will. I wish you much success in your future, stay strong, Baby. Love, from your best friend and you support team, your mother. With Love, Mommy



Ashley Barnett

To my darling daughter Ashlee, Words cannot express the joy you bring me each day. Your beautiful smile has brightened my gray days many times. I am so proud of you and your accomplishments. Congratulations and continue to strive for success. You deserve all the best that life has to offer. Love, Mommy



Zawina Enayeh

You have truly been an inspiration to us all. You have so much to offer, so much to give, and so much you deserve in return. Love *life*, love *yourself*, and most of all, believe in yourself, your dreams and your potential to succeed.

Love Always,

"Ma"



Therese Kitchen

It feels like just yesterday you were my little girl and now you're a young woman. Treasure, only God, you are. I truly know the course our lives have taken. And through it all you remain my treasure. Your path awaits you, just remember to always keep God first and He'll show you the way.

I Love You, Mommy



Deborah Kotei

Seems like just yesterday that you refused to talk and kept to yourself, but now you are out spoken than ever and full of energy, soaring like the Phoenix put in flight. Congratulations on your accomplishments and know that with the great determination that you have started with and the support from us as well as the grace of Jesus Christ our lord, you can do anything that you put your mind to. Know that you will always be mom's "blofo njo", and keep up the good work.



Monique Van Dyke

From the time of your arrival until now, you stood out from the crowd. You have always been open to new things and people. Don't change. Enjoy your life. You control your destiny, no one else. We are very proud of you and we love you very much. Congratulations and Best Wishes!! Mom, Dad and Jumar



Kia Oliver

To my daughter Kia,
From the moment you came
into this world, I knew God
had blessed me with a
wonderful gift - You.
I Love You,
Love Mom and Dad



Denise Washington

To my baby,
Congratulations on your achievement. I am confident that you will do well in life. You have made me proud. Always remember to look to christ whence cometh your help and He will direct your path.
I Love You,
Your mother
Joyce D. Washington



Deborah Kotei

When you were born, you filled my heart with love and joy. Your first smiles brightened my world and I felt love in your eyes and your tender touch. You are now a beautiful young lady who has made me proud to be your mother. Keep up the excellence and continue to feel my love. I will be with you as you laugh, cry or struggle with difficult times. There is no mountain that we can't climb together. Love, Mom



Lamar Washington

Dear Lamar,
There are no words to express the joy I feel for you on this achievement, which is but one of many accomplishments still to come.
Always Remember
Mommv loves her "Good son!"
Congratulations
"UHS Class of 1982"



Tiffany Sobers

We are so proud of you and have been from the day you were born. You were a delightful baby, and now you have grown into a beautiful and intelligent young lady. We wish the best that life has to offer, you most certainly deserve it. We pray that the Lord continues to shower his blessings upon you. With all our love,
Mother, Granny Butters, Tricina,
Father Andre and Stepfather
Kerwin, and the rest of the family.



Devin Williams

Congratulations Devin,
You have made us so proud. We are very happy to have a son as smart and caring as you. As you go down that road of life, remember that we will always be here for you!
Love Now and Always,
Mom and Dad



Devlin Williams - Congratulations on a Job Well Done

Menus McClary
Edward McClary
Allen Green
Larry Gillespie Jr.
Jose Medina
Carlos P. Barros
Jaime Sepulveda
Dexter Baker
James Wilkens
Eneida Hernandez
Manuel Rodriguez
Cesar Yareque
Alice Richardson
Albert Christian
Lorrie Cleter
Raymond Ritomale
Josephine Pregaro
Len butler
Phil LaMenna
James M. Augustowicz
Aaron Hughes
Ronald R. Reinhardt
Jim Bruer
Gerald Diorio
Gwen Jones
Pat Palumbo
Bob Hinkle
Bill Tizio
Herodis Espinal

Vinni DeFlorio
James Willis
Ricky Jones
Mike Severano
Randy Dodd
Leon Odronic
Hamilton R. Thomas
Lenny Bufrey
Barry Williams
Joe Callo
Mary Ballerd-Jones
Deborah Williams
Sharon Reid
Jaqueline Bonlware
Tricia Michele Brewster
Matthew James Brewster
Joann Manigo
Lydia Williams
Patricia McDowell
Barbara Jackson
Barbara Flowers-Howard
Sandra Blundetto
The Blundetto Family
Frank and Sandy Blundetto
Mary Golson
Barbara Abdur-Razzaq
Rosa L. Coward
Leroy Coward

Lanaya Coward
Jacqueline Goolsby
Varlee Goolsby
Jancee Kearney
Jade Kearney
Gregory Smith Jr.
Big Love
Dorothea Irvin
Brian Dawson
Lefty
Jerry
Mike Braxton
Mr. and Mrs. Braxton
Greg Smith
Ivory Thompson
Doris Battles
Michael S. Dawson
Glenn Bulle
Jacqueline Bulle
Bianca Bulle
Ashley Bulle
Agnes Robinson-Taylor
Zainab Robinson
Hester Robinson
Barbara Franklin
Lena Franklin
Cheyenne Christmas
Chase Christmas

Congratulations to Denise Washington

Congratulations to Nashid Corbin

Jacqueline Corbin
Fathiyyah Corbin
Delores Harris
In Loving Memory Ruby Cuthbert
Jean Jeffers
Willis Corbin Jr.
Jennifer Matikonis
Bishop T. W. Carson
End Time Harvest Apostolic Church
Chris D. Houston
Chris E. Haley

Joyce D. Washington
Rqquel Washington
Rev. George Mitchell Jr.
Min. Rahmin Wynn
Mrs. Frances Curry
Mr. James Curry
Jasmine Curry
Jonathan Curry
Jared Curry
Jillian Curry
Theodora Banks
Joanna Hamer

Mrs. Temes
Vera Davis
Ms. Shirley Medlin
Rev. Djr Perry Simmons Jr.
Mrs. Emma Simmons
Mrs. Shelby Mobley
Mr. Chris Mobley
Adriene Williams
Margaret Williams
Deadra Gibbons
Rasheeda Allen
Quaniesa Briggs

Best of Luck to Audrey Williamson

Mr. Pascarella
Mrs. Sandy Hewett

Congratulations and Best Wishes to LeChelle Herron

Trecia Mooror
Ricky Capote
Kathleen Cush
Priscilla Barnett
Linda D. Hardison
Zenobia Wilder
Mr. and Mrs. Smith
Mr. and Mrs. Levell
Danette Burgwyn
Sister Lisa Stroud
Betty Downie
Wendy Mitchell
Lil Spencer Dunnell
Katria Thorne
Britney Warner
Nicole Pickett
Ibrahim Stradford
Willie Davis
Tiffany Noel

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Noel
Tarsha Prindle
Danzly Coleman
Taria James
Paul Hash
Twinkle Walker
Lakira Walker
Regan Teal
Pegay Jones
Mary McNair-Fulton
Joanne Williams
Jerry (Skillz) Butler
Toni Canty
Iyanna Canty
Jayuan Canty
Talibah Brown
Loree Jones
Ned Rawls
Chris Coleman
Mr. Lee (Cut creater Lox)

Hilton Rawls, Jr.
Eugene Rembert
Eugene Managur
Jose Ortega
Rose James
Gary C. Culpepper
Tony T.L. Hunter
Kyle D. Haygood
E.O. P. D.
Thu-man Jordan
Calvin Dorsey
Sharlene Steed
Roselle Hartsfield
Zora C. Ingalls
Katherine Gary
Marcus Wilson
Eurydice C. Tilley
Oliva Washington

Best Wishes to Raheem Lawhorn

Best Wishes to Shieedah Hilton

Barbara Shelton
Alice D. Hilton
Starkeiah A. Hilton
Shieedah V. Hilton
Clyde Terry Jr.
Eric Hilton
Larry Hilton
Tiana K. Scott
Demetria L. Scott
Khadijah A. Scott
Trishena F. Hilton
Keith Jones
Melissa Santos
Linda Rodriguez
Angel
Austin Spiegel
Christian Spiegel
Thom & Ali
Gerald, Daniel and Lashawn
Gertrudee A. Lastonoza
Deidra Raber
Cecelia Marquilez
Eli Marquilez
Dayan Silva
Michel Pena
Nedge Exantus
Maria Campos
Sabrina DeMatos

Tony Branco
Shaina Rose Kroenke
Stacie Hanlein
Lanasia West (sister-in-law)
Janet Ciano
Anthony Blanco
Keshawn Shamberger
Keisha Terry
L.J.
Natasia
Averyana
Tyasia and Monique
James Goff
Becky Terry
Tasha Carter
Big Jay
Sugar
Stephanie McBride
Kenny Mac
Clyde Terry Jr.
Shonda Goff
Catherine Thorton
Mr. & Mrs. James Terry
Diamond Youmans
Stephanie Youmans
Hessie Terry
Dora Terry
Konsakke Terry Pom Pom

Robin Sanders
Annette Sanders
Lashonda Lawhorn
Ivyana Johnson
Rakeem Johnson
Patricia Kennedy
Keema Kennedy

All the Best to Ashley Anderson

Deneen White
Alton Jones
The Swebson Family
Cassandra Baily
Deahna Drake
Chanse DeJoie
Lynette Swebson
Kimberly Swebson
Aunt Mary Smith
Ms. Dana Hobbs
Ms. Holmes
Jennifer and Justin Collier

Congratulations & Best Wishes to #51 Lamar West

Andrew Byrd
Eddie Rivers
Eddie Rivers
Sharon Smith
Barbara Patillo
Dorothea Williams
Egene Lyons
Silver Fox
Silver Fox
Bradley Whack
Odell Tate
Maryam Mack
Albert Davis
Richard Giles
Edward Simon
Richard Giles
Mary Jackson
Sol Ransom
James Sanders
Renaldo Taylor
Geraldine Harris
Henry Jamison
Charles Huggins
Joseph Towe
Azel Terry
'Roy Jackson
Ronnie Blake
Michelle Taylor
Jayson Greene
David L. Rodgers
Kathy Price
Johnny DeNergdner
Winkey
Missy AKA Ms. Kathie
Ruthie
LiMira

Echelle
Janice "The Cook"
Richard LaCosta
Dee-Dee
Lisa Watson and the Kids
Mary Dawkins & Family
Nana is so very proud of you!
Dec. Harry Coleman
Dec. Harry Coleman
Decon Harry Coleman
Decon Harry Coleman
Dec. Harry Coleman
Mary Westerbrook
Alana Hunter
Earlene Prouit
Jackie Brown
Jackie Brown
Matilda Bright
Cherry Davis
Chandray Turner
Alice Jones
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Lucy Smith
Lucy Smith
Kimberley M. Kendrick
Tania M. Kendrick
Eunice Bearfield
Rev. Levin B. Best Sr.
Patricia West
Flettre Spruil
Otto Roquemore
Darnell Durham
Vera Durham

Reshonda Hunter
Reshonda & Ayanna
Dana Hobson
Aunt Renee
Aunt Lisa
Aunt Sheron Mel, Monique & Morris
Aunt NeeNee
Yusef and "The Corner"
Uncle "Jimmie"
Clarence Shell and Mary Shell
Reena "Chicken lady who fried chicken"
for your card party.
Grace West Manor Maintenance Staff
Uncle "Mu"
Aunt Crystal & Georgie
Grace West Mann Security
House of Hope
Grace West Early Childhood Learning
Dev. Center
Bobby & Ms. Goode
Sandi & Family
Grace Reformed Baptist Church Bible
Study
M.X.Shabazz J.V. and Varisty Football
Aunt Butchie Loves You!
Aunt Marsena, Uncle Bruce, Regina &
Shakur
Aunt Linda, Kamille & Maya
Ms. Frances Luvs You
Keish & the Kids - All five!
Aunt Sherry (c/o 79), Uncle Anthony
all your cousins in Baltimore
Uncle Lev & the kids, Angie too!
Aunt Michele & Children
"Asmar" Your Big Bro #77 - Always with
you in spirit! One

Elise Brown - You Deserve the Very Best

Mommy
Daddy
Elaine Brown
Evette Brown-Toney
Uncle Gregory
Aunt Cynthia
Aunt Sharon
The Late Grandmother Ernestine
Aunt Crystal
Uncle Michael
Uncle Jerome
Uncle Kenny
Granddaddy
Uncle Junebug

Sherrie Wright
Mark Jr.
Shaun Wright
Ebony Brown
Sharnise Brown
Uncle Mark
Tanya Marsh
Lee Harper
Alshadirah Ashford
Al-Quadir Marsh
Zhane Marsh
Tonya Hollis
Jihada Teal

Malik Brown
Marques Brown
Bobby Brown
Byrce Brown
Byron Brown
Nzingha Brown
Uncle Chris
Aunt Carol
Markyse Wright
Mustafah Brown
Cassandra (Poo)
Dhaamin Mallard
Mist (My Cat)

FAREWELL TO MRS. HADEN



You wouldn't have known it from the way we rolled our eyes, but we appreciate you. We appreciate your fairness in dealing with us, your insistence on doing the right thing, on behaving in a dignified manner. We value your calm demeanor as you solved our scheduling problems, listened to our issues, and spent countless hours counseling us. Thank you for being there and doing your job – and so much more.

*Affectionately,
Seniors of 2004*

We'll miss you ole Maroon and Gray



University High School Home of the Phoenix


 **Favorite CD:** _____

Best Album: _____

Favorite Artist: _____

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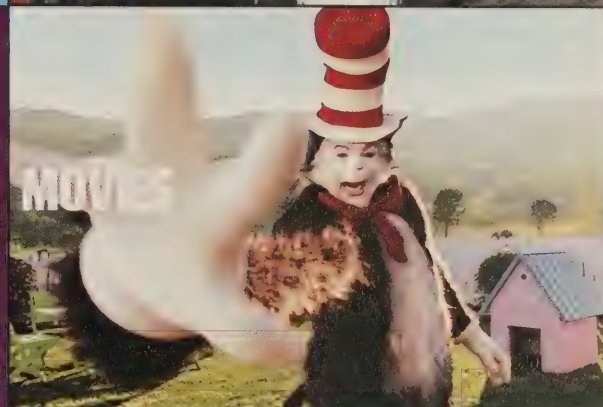


 **Best Movies:** _____

Favorite Actors: _____

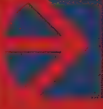
Funniest Line: _____

PhotoDisc



Pop culture

Write Now!


 **Best TV Show:** _____

Favorite Actors: _____

Most Memorable Scene: _____

PhotoDisc



 **Favorite Film:** _____

Favorite Actor: _____

Best Movie: _____

Fred Prouser/Reuters/Landov



FRIENDS

friends

Friend most likely to:

Marry an Olsen Twin: _____

Get an "Extreme Makeover": _____

Own a restaurant: _____

Have a movie about their life: _____

Date a rock star: _____

Be one of *People* magazine's 50 Most Beautiful People: _____

Create a computer virus: _____

Make a movie with Orlando Bloom: _____

did you know

Top 5 activities for girls

1. Hanging out at someone's house
2. Going to the mall
3. Eating
4. Going to a movie
5. Trying to meet boys

Top 5 activities for guys

1. Hanging out at someone's house
2. Playing sports
3. Eating
4. Playing video games
5. Trying to meet girls



Friends

MEMORIES

memories



Justin Timberlake, Christina Aguilera and Britney Spears all started their careers together as Mouseketeers on Disney's "Mickey Mouse Club". Can you spot them in this photo?

did you know

Biggest event of the year:



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Classmate most likely to:

Run for office:

Lead a revolution:

Be involved
in a scandal:

Own a major
corporation:

Orchestrate a
world peace accord:

INTERESTS

interests

**My teammate
most likely to:**

Surpass a world record: _____

Turn pro out of high school: _____

Make a sports bloopers reel: _____

Hold up a trophy on national TV: _____

Wear a championship ring: _____

Fight Mike Tyson: _____



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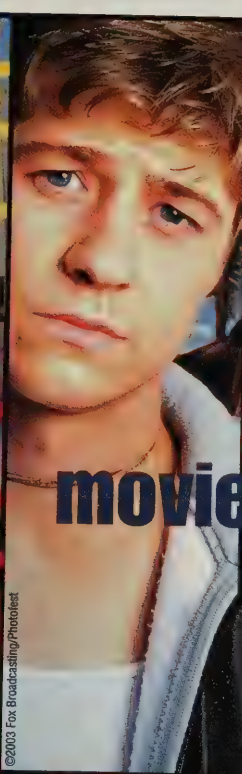
Top ten

Interests

AUTOGRAPHS

autographs

Justin Long (center) in a white t-shirt with the number 3097, surrounded by other celebrities in various outfits.



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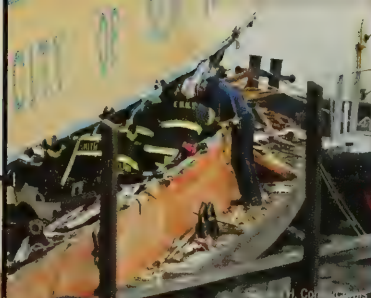


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U.S. Forces capture deposed Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein in a "spider hole" at a farm outside his hometown of Tikrit.



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Gary Tramontina/Bloomberg News/Landov



flash

The economy shows signs of recovery when the Dow Jones Industrial Average tops 10,000 points for the first time in over 18 months on December 12.



The worst wildfires in California history claim 22 lives, destroy more than 3,400 homes and consume 750,000 acres of land.

Frederic Larson/San Francisco Chronicle/Corbis SABA



front page

→ In October, the Federal Trade Commission initiates the National Do Not Call Registry to minimize the number of telemarketing calls consumers receive.



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→ President Bush becomes the first U.S. president to visit Iraq when he makes an unannounced Thanksgiving visit with troops stationed there.



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→ The abduction of University of North Dakota student Dru Sjodin, 22, results in the arrest of convicted sex offender Alfonso Rodriguez Jr., 50.



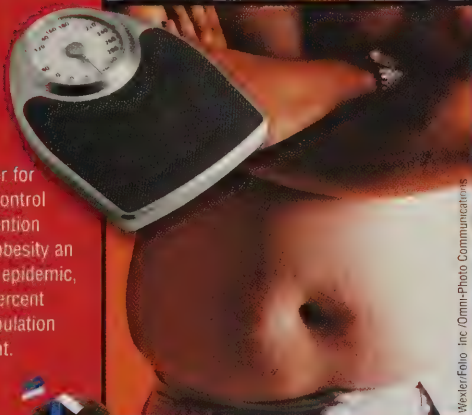
Reuters/Landov

→ Michael Jackson is arrested on multiple counts of child abuse after an accusation from a 12-year-old boy.



U.S. Army Pfc. Jessica Lynch, a POW of the war in Iraq, becomes a media sensation after her rescue by U.S. Forces is aired on the news.

→ The Center for Disease Control and Prevention declares obesity an American epidemic, with 64 percent of the population overweight.



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Mark J. Terrill/AP/Wide World Photos

← Action star Arnold Schwarzenegger replaces Gray Davis as governor of California in a highly publicized recall election.

Headlines

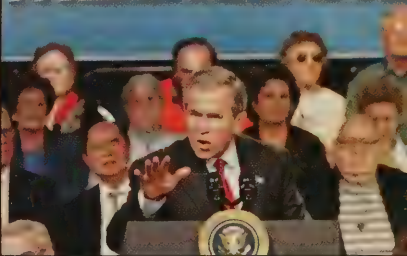
← Americans rush to receive vaccinations as the country is hit hard by a new strand of the influenza virus.



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Larry Downing/Reuters NewMedia Inc./Corbis

MEDICARE



↑ President Bush signs a controversial bill calling for a \$400 billion Medicare overhaul.

← Scott Peterson stands trial on murder charges in the slaying of his pregnant wife, Laci, and their unborn son.



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On August 14, the largest North American blackout occurs when three Ohio line failures leave more than 50 million people in eight states and Canada without power.



GLOBAL



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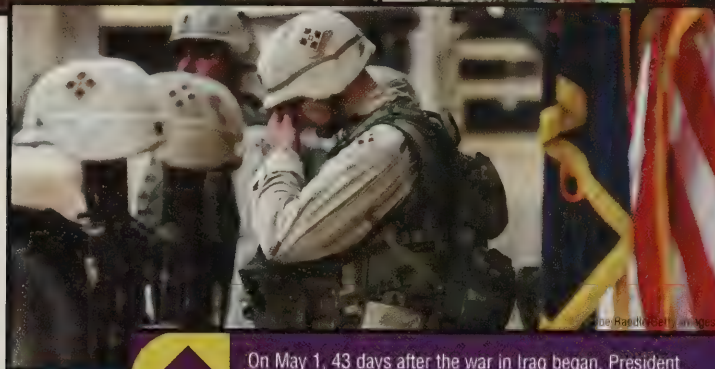
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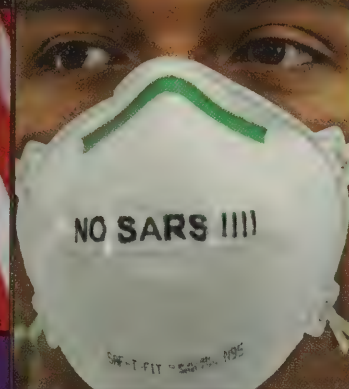
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Bazuki Muhammad/Reuters/Landov

← A European heat wave in August claims more than 19,000 lives, making it one of the world's deadliest hot-weather disasters.



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Ben Curtis/AP/Wide World Photos

← The World Health Organization reports that severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) infected more than 8,000 people in over 25 countries, killing 700.

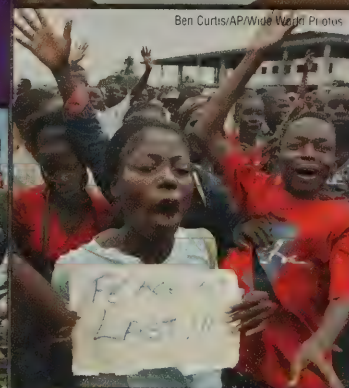


On May 1, 43 days after the war in Iraq began, President Bush declares "major combat operations in Iraq have ended." As hundreds of thousands of U.S. and British forces remain to restore peace and deliver aid to Iraqi citizens, more soldiers are killed in the months after the war than during it.

→ Around the world, "flash mobs" — large groups of people recruited by anonymous organizers via the Internet — gather, perform a wild act and quickly disperse.



Alexandre Meneghini/AP/Wide World Photos



← An Economic Community of West African States peacekeeping coalition ends 14 years of fighting between Liberian rebels and government forces, sending tyrant Charles Taylor into exile.

→ In a dramatic six-day ordeal, rescue workers save 44 of 46 Russian miners trapped in a water-filled coal mine.



Mike Veith/AP/Wide World Photos

On December 26, a devastating earthquake measuring 6.6 on the Richter scale strikes the Iranian city of Bam, killing more than 41,000 people.



Mehdi Saba/Syoma Collection

→ Tens of thousands of Palestinians are cut off from family and livelihoods when Israel builds a concrete barrier beyond the cease-fire line in an effort to curtail Palestinian terrorist activities.



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GLOBAL

→ During the summer of 2003, low-risk prison inmates help battle Southern California's wildfires for only \$1 an hour.



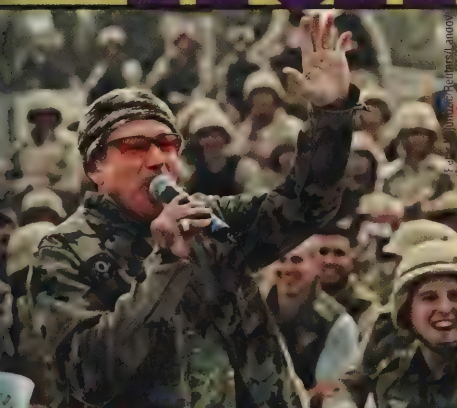
→ At a St. Louis dog shelter, Cain, a one-year-old mutt, survives tranquilization and a trip to the gas chamber and is then adopted by the animal shelter owner.

Lower Manhattan Development Corp./AP/Wide World Photos



The world's tallest structure — 1,276-foot spire — America's most iconic building, the Freedom Tower, is set to rise at the World Trade Center site.

human interest



← Comedian Robin Williams travels to Baghdad to lighten the spirits of U.S. troops as he kicks off a holiday tour of U.S. bases in the Middle East.



← While aboard the International Space Station, Russian cosmonaut Yuri Malenchenko marries his American girlfriend by video link in the first "space wedding."



Helping P. Diddy raise the New York City Marathon to raise over \$10 million for its 10th birthday, Diddy and his friends are the stars of the event.



↑ Iranian lawyer Shirin Ebadi wins the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize for human rights activism as she fights to improve the status of refugees, women and children in Iran.



← Golfer Tom Watson donates his \$1 million Charles Schwab Cup winnings to fund research for Lou Gehrig's disease, which has stricken his caddie, Bruce Edwards.

SCIENCE



← British Airways and Air France ground the supersonic Concorde after 27 years of service. Despite their speed, the aircraft were uneconomical to operate.



← In response to e-mail spam, the Can-Spam Act requires e-mail marketers to clearly label messages as ads and include an Internet-based opt-out feature.

In January 2004, the Mars exploration rover Spirit lands safely and NASA releases the first 3-D images and the sharpest color photos ever taken of the surface of Mars.

→ Fast-food patrons can now get their food even quicker, thanks to McDonald's introduction of self-service ordering kiosks.

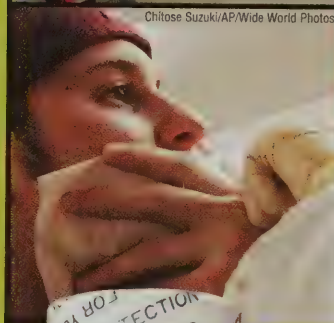


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← In October, China becomes the third country to travel in space when the world's first successful taikonaut, Yang Liwei, returns to Earth after 21 hours in orbit.

→ FluMist, America's first intranasal influenza vaccine, provides needle-wary patients with an alternative for the 2003 flu season.



Chitose Suzuki/AP/Wide World Photos

The Food and Drug Administration mandates that nutrition labels disclose the amount of cholesterol-increasing trans-fatty acids.

Alvin Ono/AP/Wide World Photos

Nutrition Facts

Serving Size 1 cup (228g)
Servings Per Container 2

Amount Per Serving
Calories 260

Total Fat 13g

Saturated Fat 5g

Trans Fat 2g

Cholesterol 30mg

Sodium 600mg

Total Carbohydrate 31g

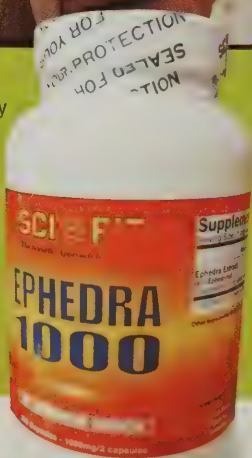
Dietary Fiber 0g

Calories from Fat 120

% Daily Value

20

2



Steven Saine/AP/Wide World Photos

→ The Food and Drug Administration bans dietary supplements containing ephedra due to health concerns and warns consumers not to take products containing the stimulant.

techno

→ In June, pet prairie dogs in Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana infect people with monkeypox after being infected by a giant Gambian rat while in transit.



Rich Vetter/The Washington Star/PW

→ Federal workers in Washington kill a herd of 449 calves that include the offspring of a Holstein infected with mad cow disease.



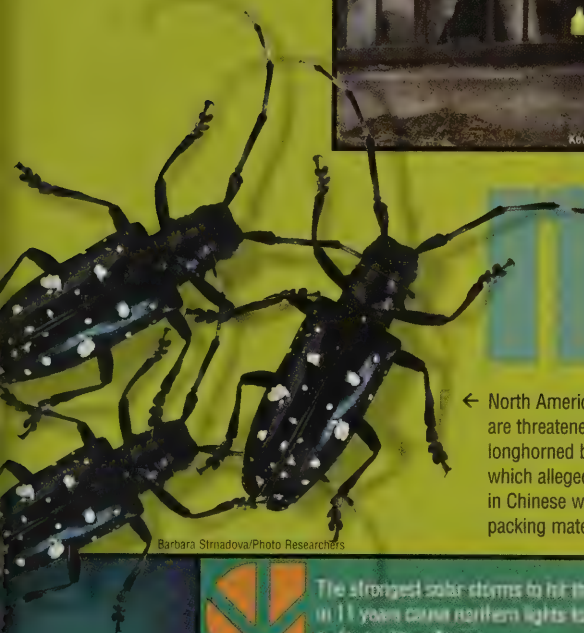
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Hurricane Isabel brings out power to more than 3.5 million people as it wreaks havoc on the region's eastern seaboard.

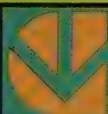


nature



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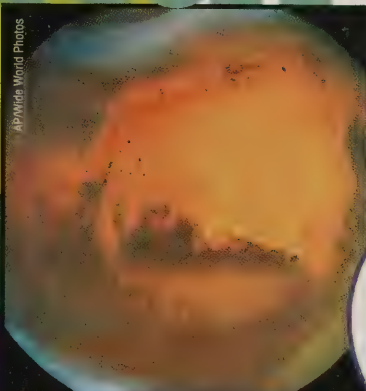
← North American trees are threatened by Asian longhorned beetles, which allegedly arrived in Chinese wooden packing material.



The strongest solar storms to hit the Earth in 11 years cause northern lights to appear as far south as Texas.

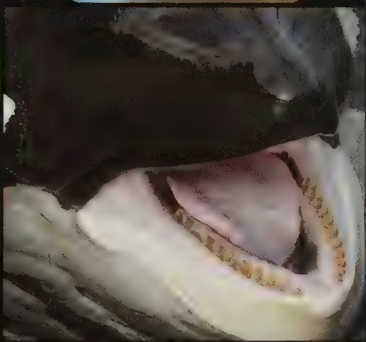


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← In August, Mars' orbit brings it closer to Earth than it has been in 60,000 years.



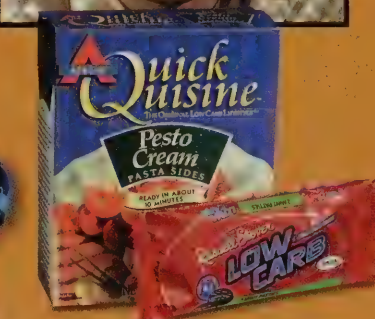
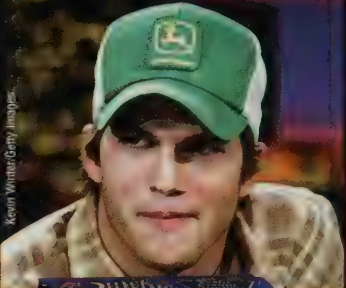
John McConnico AP Wide World Photos

↑ American scientists discover the deterioration of the atmosphere's ozone layer is slowing. The 1996 worldwide ban on CFC gases is credited for the improvement.

← Keiko, star of the *Free Willy* movies, dies of pneumonia at the age of 27.

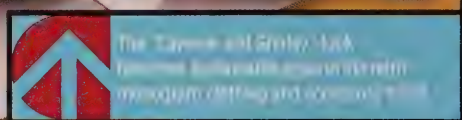
trends

It's TRENDING



← Celebrities like FOX's "That '70s Show" star Ashton Kutcher make the "trucker hat" a fashion must-have.

← The country goes low-carb diet crazy, with dieters demanding food products and menu items with fewer carbohydrates.

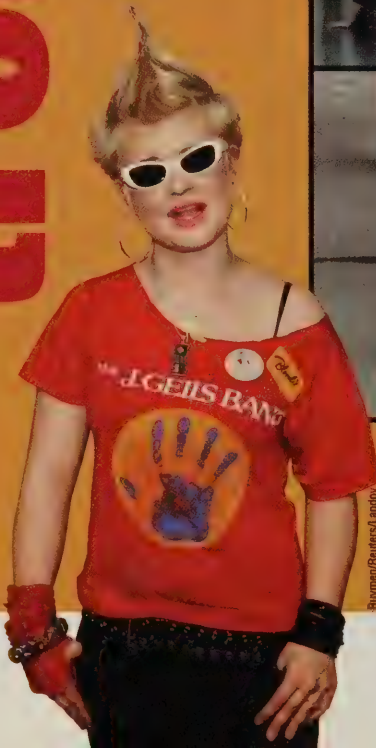
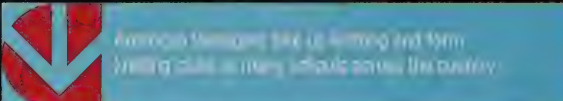


← Popularized by music stars like Busta Rhymes and J.Lo, track suits are seen everywhere.

→ Girls get into breakdancing at events like the Queen B Breakgirl competition in San Diego, the country's biggest female breakin' competition.



↓ With the resurgence of '80s-style rock music, '80s clothing styles make a comeback of their own.



Graylock.com/Retna, Ltd.

↑ The year's hottest foot fashion is the Australian-made Ugg boot, which stays cool in heat and warm in cold.



Julia Klee/Corbis



↑ The College Entrance Examination Board develops a revision of the SAT that tests for increased vocabulary and writing skills.



Drivers find a spacious but expensive ride in the General Motors Hummer H2. In response to criticism, GM promises to release a more fuel-efficient version in the future.



↑ The pint-sized MINI Cooper, by Motorwerks, starts a European auto revolution on U.S. streets.



← To improve lunch and vending machine nutritional values, the U.S. Department of Agriculture issues tougher regulations for American schools.

lifestyle



← Avon, the world's largest direct seller of beauty products, introduces mark—a new cosmetic line intended for teens to sell.



Affordable, over-the-counter teeth whitening kits have consumers smiling, as they no longer have to visit the dentist for this cosmetic procedure.



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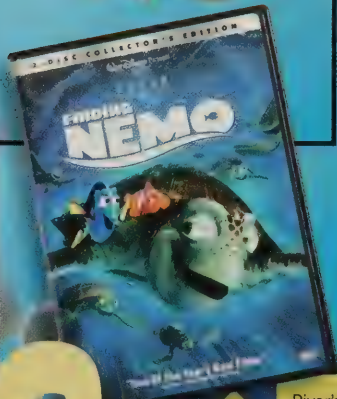


↑ In an effort to thwart counterfeiters, the U.S. Treasury releases a colorful new \$20 bill, with a background blend of blue, peach and green.



← A new study reveals the Top 10 most dangerous U.S. occupations. Lumberjack tops the list.

MOVIES



Pixar's *Finding Nemo* swims to the top as the highest-grossing animated movie and top-selling DVD of all time in the United States.

MOVIES

→ Keira Knightley and Parminder Nagra get a kick out of breaking stereotypes on and off the soccer field in the British comedy *Bend It Like Beckham*.



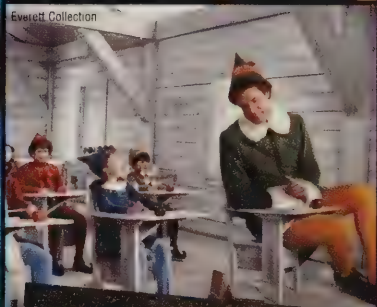
→ The two most anticipated sequels of the year, *Matrix: Reloaded* and *Matrix: Revolutions* turn out to be major disappointments for fans and critics alike.



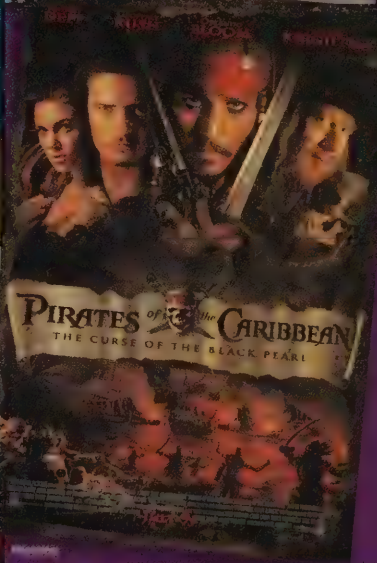
→ Tobey Maguire rides high in the successful summer flick *Seabiscuit*, nominated for an Academy Award for Best Picture.



← Bill Murray gives a career performance in *Lost in Translation*, from director and Golden Globe-winning screenwriter Sofia Coppola.



← Will Ferrell continues his comedic success in the heartwarming holiday hit *Elf*.

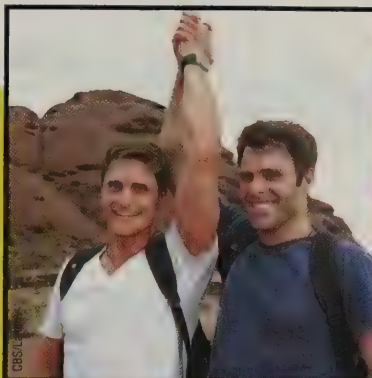


← Heartthrobs Johnny Depp and Orlando Bloom make Disney's *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl* a swashbuckling success.

↓ Frodo and company complete their epic journey in *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*, winner of the Golden Globe for Best Picture, Drama.



→ The pulse-pounding CBS hit "The Amazing Race" wins the inaugural Emmy Award for Best Reality Program.



→ America bids farewell to the cast of "Friends" after the NBC sitcom's 10th and final season.



Fox uses its tried-and-true teen soap formula to come up with the biggest television hit of the year for teens, "The O.C."

↓ In February 2004, CBS airs "Survivor: All-Stars," starring past "Survivor" winners and contestants.

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← Jessica Simpson, star of MTV's "Newlyweds" with husband Nick Lachey, makes entertainment headlines for mistaking Chicken of the Sea tuna for chicken.

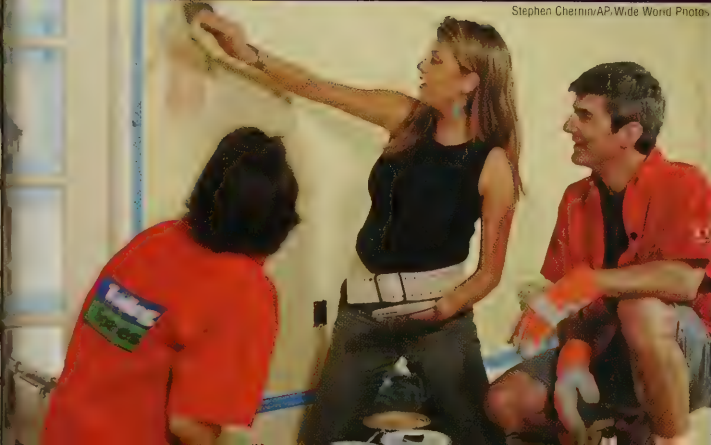


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Shows such as TLC's "Trading Spaces" and Bravo's "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" create a new niche for the home improvement TV genre.

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↑ Famous for "Three's Company" and star of ABC's "Eight Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter," actor John Ritter dies suddenly from heart failure in September.

← "Alias" star Jennifer Garner earns high viewer ratings for ABC TV and lights up the big screen in 13 Going on 30.

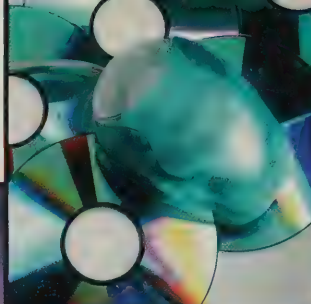
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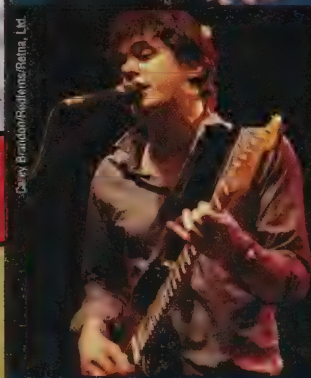
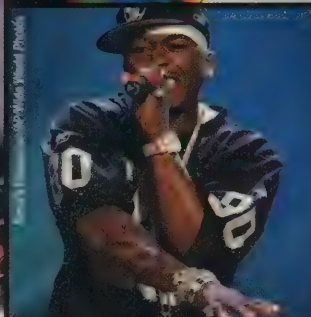
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Superstar Beyoncé Knowles stars on the big screen, releases a hit album, *Dangerously in Love*, and wins four *Billboard* Music Awards.



← The legal battle between the music industry and music downloaders prompts lawsuits and online music purchasing outlets, while driving CD prices to their lowest point in a decade.



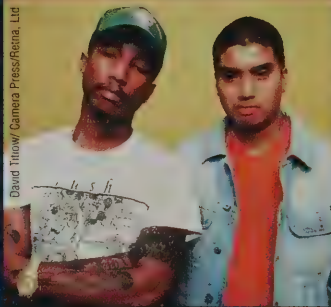
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← According to Nielsen SoundScan, 50 Cent's debut, *Get Rich or Die Tryin'*, is 2003's best-selling album, with 6.5 million copies sold.

← Songwriter John Mayer wins a Grammy in 2003 for the album *Room for Squares* and follows it up with *Heavier Things*.

music

→ The Neptunes' Pharrell Williams and Chad Hugo receive three Grammy nominations as a production duo. Williams gets three more for collaborations with Snoop Dog and Jay-Z.



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→ OutKast's genre-busting album *Speakerboxxx/The Love Below*, featuring the infectious single "Hey Ya!," wins the Grammy for Album of the Year.

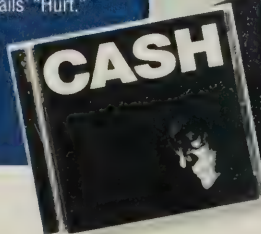


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→ Country music legend Johnny Cash dies at 71, but wins three CMA awards posthumously, including Best Single for his remake of the Nine Inch Nails' "Hurt."



Mark Hill/AP/Wide World Photos



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Claiming that he has "had it with the rap game," Jay-Z, 33, retires after the release of *The Black Album*.



Colaplay claims the title of *Spin* magazine's Band of the Year, and the band's lead singer Chris Martin romances actress Gwyneth Paltrow.

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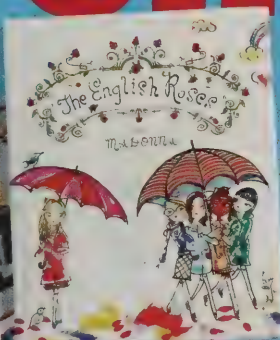
→ In December, Rolling Stones' legendary lead singer Mick Jagger, 60, is knighted by Prince Charles.

→ Role-playing games like "Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic" find mainstream success on consoles.



Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky, Ohio, boasts the world's tallest, fastest roller coaster, the Top Thrill Dragster.

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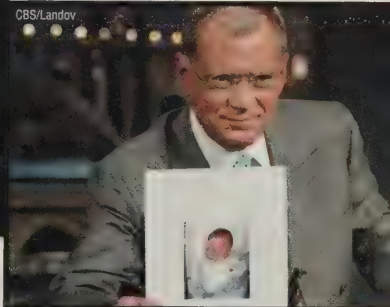


← Pop diva-turned-author Madonna releases two children's books: *The English Roses* and *Mr. Peabody's Apples*. Her third book, *Yakov and the Seven Thieves*, arrives in late winter.

Two months after being mauled by a tiger, Roy Horn, half of the famed "Siegfried and Roy" wild animal entertainment act, is released from a Las Vegas hospital.

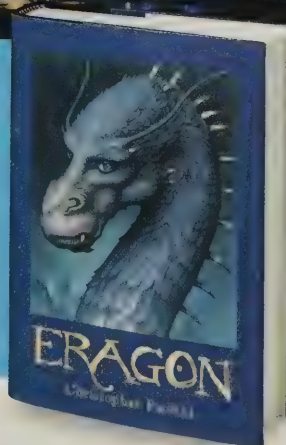


← Hugh Jackman of *X2: X-Men United* showcases his singing ability on Broadway in *The Boy from Oz*.

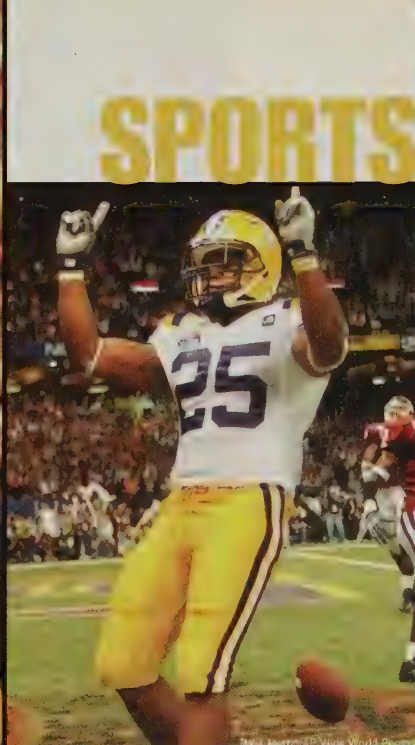


↑ On CBS's "Late Show" host David Letterman, 56, announces the November birth of his first child, a baby boy.

← After the success of his best-selling fantasy novel *Eragon*, author Christopher Paolini, 19, begins writing the much-anticipated sequel.



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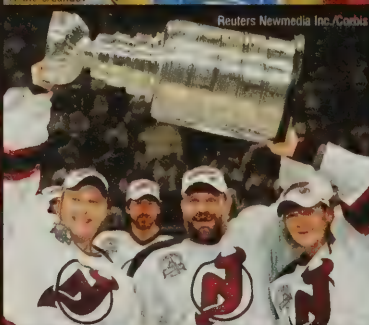


Two champions met in the national title game, USC, to the 2004 championship game. The Rose Bowl champion USC Trojans share the national title with the Sugar Bowl champion LSU Tigers.



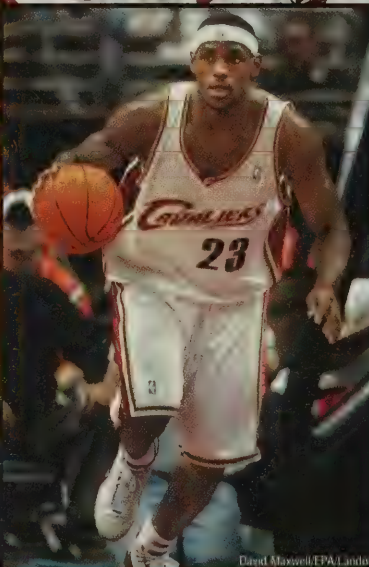
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← Despite several crashes and severe dehydration, Lance Armstrong wins his fifth straight Tour de France by a mere 62 seconds.

← Behind the defensive brilliance of goalie Martin Brodeur, the New Jersey Devils win the 2003 NHL Stanley Cup by icing the Anaheim Mighty Ducks 3-0 in game seven.

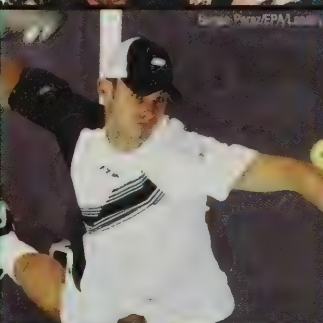
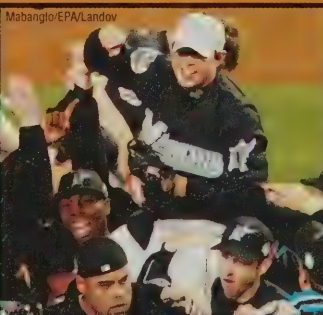


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← High school phenomenon LeBron James, 19, is picked first in the 2003 NBA Draft by the Cleveland Cavaliers and enjoys instant success as a pro.

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→ Led by MVP (MVP) Josh Beckett, the Florida Marlins beat the heavily favored New York Yankees 2-0 in game six to win the 100th World Series.



→ Tennis pro Andy Roddick, 21, also known as Manny Moore's boyfriend, wins his first grand slam title at the U.S. Open in September.



→ In September, Kenya's Paul Tergat sets the world record in the Berlin Marathon, running the 26.2-mile course in just 2 hours, 4 minutes, 55 seconds.



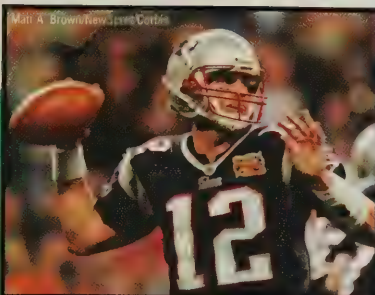
In June, Michelle Wie, 13, becomes the youngest winner of a U.S. Golf Association adult event when she wins the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links.

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→ The New England Patriots defeat the Carolina Panthers 32-29 with a field goal in the closing seconds to win Super Bowl XXXVIII.

→ Due to a lack of revenue, the Women's United Soccer Association gets the boot after just three seasons.



Champion surfer Bethany Hamilton, 13, loses her arm in a shark attack. Just 10 weeks later, Hamilton places fifth in her age group at a National Scholastic Surfing Association meet in January 2004.



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← St. John's University coach John Gagliardi, 77, leads his team to an individual NCAA Division III Football National Championship while also setting the NCAA Football record for coaching victories with 414.

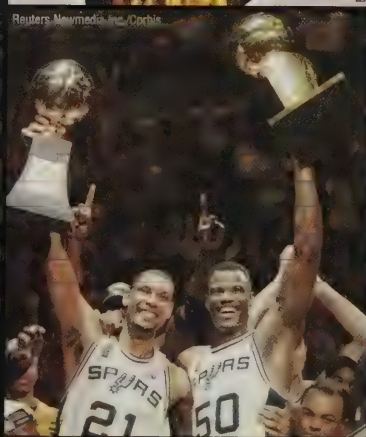
Death-defying tricks and thrills bring the extreme sports craze to new heights at the January 2004 EXPN Winter X Games VIII in Aspen, Colorado.



← Matt Kenseth claims the NASCAR Winston Cup Series championship, after leading the standings through a record 33 races.



↑ Freddie Adu, 14, becomes the youngest American pro team athlete in over 100 years when he signs with D.C. United of Major League Soccer.

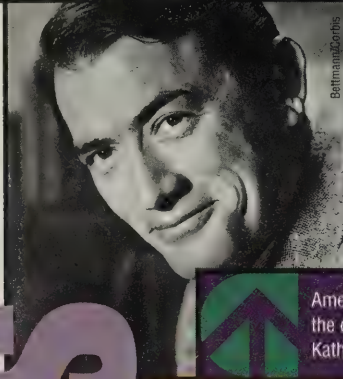


← League MVP Tim Duncan and David Robinson — in his final game — lead the San Antonio Spurs to the 2003 NBA title with a 4-2 series win over the New Jersey Nets.

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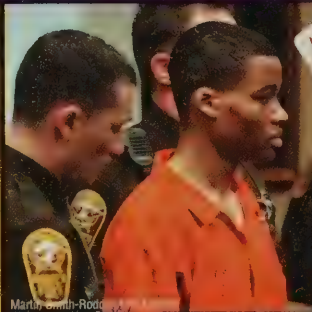


← In October, Mother Teresa of Calcutta is beatified by Pope John Paul II in Vatican City. This marks the final step before sainthood in the Roman Catholic Church.



America loses three entertainment icons with the deaths of comedian Bob Hope, actress Katharine Hepburn and actor Gregory Peck.

→ In his first of a number of trials in several states, a Virginia jury sentences D.C. area sniper Lee Boyd Malvo, 18, to life without parole.



↑ The Pentagon releases decks of 55 cards to U.S. soldiers that feature the most-wanted Iraqi leaders. Dictator Saddam Hussein is the Ace of Spades.

→ After winning 64 career titles, including 14 grand slam events, and a record six years ranked No. 1, tennis great Pete Sampras retires at the U.S. Open in August.



↓ After being abducted for nine months, Elizabeth Smart is rescued and returns home in March 2003. Her story is made into a TV movie that airs later in the fall.



→ Teen star Hilary Duff tops off her successful movie debut, *The Lizzie McGuire Movie*, with a hit pop album, *Metamorphosis*, and a nationwide tour.





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